

SA959094

Jacques-Philippe Le Bas After Gerard Metsu, Portrait Of A Lady - Antique Engraving

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA959094****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 49 cm (19.3")

Width = 41 cm (16.1")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

Description

This exquisite 18th-century engraving by Jacques-Philippe Le Bas (1707-1783) is after a portrait by Dutch artist Gerard Metsu (1629-1667). It formed part of Jean Baptiste Pierre Le Brun's 'Galerie des Peintres Flamands, Hollandais et Allemands; Ouvrage enrichi de Deux Cent Planches graves d'apres les meilleurs Tableaux de ces Maitres'. Jean Baptiste Pierre Le Brun is considered one of the most influential art dealers in European history. His publication, Galerie des Peintres Flamands etc, illuminated the darkened corners of Dutch and Flemish art while also building acclaim for known luminaries, such as Gerard Metsu. Via the 'Galerie', Le Brun mentions Vermeer for the first time and sets the great Dutch master on a path to notoriety. He also unearthed several of Rembrandt's followers, such as Ferdinand Bol, Govaert Flinck and Gerrit Dou. Quite why he published the 'Galerie' is a topic of debate - some say he sought historical prominence for the eminent Northern masters, otherwise lost to time. Whereas others view his publication as a means to advertise his commercial operations. He was a dealer, after all. Either way, Le Brun remains an important cog in the development ...

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