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Portrait of a Lady with a Vase of Flowers, Signed & Dated 1714, by London artist Rudolphus Schmutz (1670-c.1715), Antique oil on canvas painting, Rare signed work
 Price Sold

Item Reference: SA980177

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 140 cm (55.1")

Width = 157 cm (61.8")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

Description

This spectacular large portrait was painted in 1714 by the very talented artist Rudolphus Schmutz when he was at the height of his artistic power. Signed and dated, it is an extremely rare and important addition to his now little-known oeuvre and gives us a wider knowledge of the artists that were active at the turn of the 18th century in London. The fact that there are successful engravings after portraits by Schmutz, such as the half-length portrait of the Comedian William Penkethman, created in 1709 further enhances the fact that he was an artist painting celebrated depictions of significant sitters. Meticulously rendered, the sitter is wearing a pink dress, holding a basket of fruit, whilst an exotic parrot rests on her hand. The beautiful arrangement of flowers in the urn was likely painted by another artist who specialised in floral painting – collaborations such as this were common. The painting abounds with ingenious flourishes and demonstrations of the painter's skill and superior pictorial technique. The graceful pose, sumptuous costume, rich colour, and brilliant technique are distinctive features of this portrait and it was a type that was (and is today) ...

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