

Lot 59



Auction	Fine Art
Date	15.05.2023, ca. 14:40
Preview	11.05.2023 - 10:00:00 bis 14.05.2023 - 16:00:00

MIERIS, WILLEM VAN
Leiden 1662 - 1747

Title: Portrait of a Noble Lady.
Technique: Oil on wood.
Measurement: 22 x 16,5cm.
Notation: Signed and dated lower left: W. van Mieris / Fecit Anno 1690.
Frame: Framed.
Verso: On the panel an adhesive label with details of provenance.

Provenance:
Private ownership, Germany.

The present painting is by Willem van Mieris, an important representative of Dutch fine painting. Even during his lifetime, the artist possessed a brilliance that led to his becoming a member of the important St Luke's Guild immediately after his apprenticeship in the studio of his father, who was also a painter, and repeatedly serving as Guild Captain. Contrary to tradition, he did not specialise in just one genre of painting but produced history paintings and portraits as well as genre paintings. The portrait offered here combines various genres and is therefore one of the artist's important paintings. It shows a wealthy lady who reflects the characteristic features of fine painting. Shiny fabrics surrounding the lady shimmer in the incident light. Her precious dress lifts her slightly as she looks directly at the viewer. Numerous gemstones adorn not only her gold and silver dress but also her body. The preciousness and material of the fabrics can be felt in their tactile qualities through the realistic depiction.

Van Mieris' paintings adorn the rooms of the most renowned European museums. The Dresden Gemälde Galerie der Alten Meister and the Wallace Collection in London, for example, are among the proud owners of the artist's rare works.

Estimate: 15.000 € - 20.000 €; Hammer: 15.000 €