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ANTIQUES / FINE ART



Portrait of an aristocrat

Circa: Italy around 1580

Porträt

59 x 46.5 cm

1' 11¹/₄" x 1' 6¹/₄"

Alessandro Allori (1535 - 1607)

Italy around 1580

Oil on canvas

59 x 46.5 cm (23 ¹/₄ x 18 ¹/₄ inches)

On the reverse side, old inscription on the canvas: 'P.a C.a'

With a confident gaze and dressed in the finest clothing, this portrait presents us with a young aristocrat, depicted in three-quarter view in front of a green curtain. Various details, such as the amulet and the hilt of the sword, show that this portrait is not a spontaneous snapshot, but a carefully considered composition with meaning. These are not placed randomly, but rather are intended to convey certain personality traits of the young man to the viewer.

The portrait can be attributed to the Italian painter Alessandro Allori, who painted a whole series of high-ranking personalities during his lifetime.