Lady Diana Manners (Lady Diana Cooper) as Princess Katherine in Henry V

Marjorie Manners, Later Marchioness Of Anglesey

Sold



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Height: 86.36 cm (34")

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Width: 59.69 cm (23.5")

Framed Height: 135.382 cm (53.3")

Framed Width: 106.68 cm (42")

Description

Lady Victoria Harriet Marjorie Manners (1883-1946) was the eldest daughter of Henry Manners, 8th Duke of Rutland and Violet Manners, Duchess of Rutland and the sister of Lady Diana Cooper. In 1920 she co-authored (with art historian G C Williamson) a study for the neoclassical painter Johan Zoffany that is considered the first in-depth study of the artist. She also co-wrote books on Angelica Kauffmann and William Peters, as well as writing a number of articles for The Connoisseur. In 1912 she married Charles Paget, 6th Marquess of Anglesey. This portrait is of her youngest sister, Lady Diana Manners (later Lady Diana Cooper). According to an inscription on the original backboard this drawing was made in 1903 and shows the 11 year old Lady Diana playing the role of Princess Katherine in Henry V. Diana was one of the great wits and beauties of her day and also one of the most photographed and painted. From her youth she had always been a keen amateur actress and participated in many plays and pageants performed with her family and friends. In 1919 she married the diplomat Duff Cooper (later Viscount Norwich) and in order to help finance her husband’s political career she also turned to the stage for a time.