

Portrait of a Lady

Sir Thomas Lawrence, P.R.A.

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Description

Sir Thomas Lawrence, P.R.A. (1769-1830)
Portrait of a Lady

Half-length, wearing a brown dress
Pastel, oval
27.2 by 22.7 cm., 10 ³/₄ by 9 in.

This early work by Lawrence dates from the mid 1780s when he was working in Bath. From the age of eleven when his father was declared bankrupt he was the main breadwinner of the family. He would produce three or four small pastel portraits a week, usually oval in shape, and sell them for three guineas a time. In 1787 he moved to London and began to work in oil