An unusual Henry VIII carved oak Romayne-type portrait panel, circa 1530-40

£695



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Height: 37.8 cm (14.9")

Width: 18.1 cm (7.1")

Description

Centred by a profile bust of a bald gentleman, achieving a rather manic expression through a furrowed brow and wide open mouth bearing a full-set of teeth, within a roundel, flanked by typical Renaissance foliate scrolls

The panel appears to depict a 'real' person, not a generic representation after the antique. It could possibly be William Sommers, Henry VIII's court jester, who is often depicted with no hair, or closely cropped, with a drawn face, high-cheek bones and pointed chin as shown here

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