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G O N Z A L E S C O U Q U E S

Portrait of a Young Man, aged 22.

Gonzales Coques was a painter who would become best known for his -mostly small-scale painted- portraits. He was apprenticed to Pieter Brueghel II and David Ryckaert II and joined the Guild of St Luke in 1640.

Antwerp remained his base throughout his life, but the painter also worked for the Dutch court and probably made trips to England. Coques developed his own and individual style (although he was called "the little Van Dyck"), many of his works were made on copper.

A comparable work (portrait of a boy) of the same dimensions, also made on copper is in the possession of the Custodia Foundation (Paris).

Indistinguishable signed dated and aged "AE 22"

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Oil on copper, 9 x 7.5 cm



Circa: Ca 1640