

KLAAS MULLER

M A A R T E N V A N C L E V E

Portrait of an elderly woman

Maarten Van Cleve was a contemporary of Pieter Brueghel the Elder with his own studio in Antwerp. According to Van Mander he was also active in the studio of Frans Floris.

These small portraits on slate are very rare. Van Cleve does not idealise, he depicts a realistic representation of the lady who is wearing a typical white veil on her head, a white buttoned shirt and a dark red cloak.

We are grateful to Dr Klaus Ertz for his attribution to Van Cleve (see certificate).

Oil on slate, Tondo: 9cm, dated 1552 center at the top



Circa: 1552