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Early 19th century miniature portrait of a young lady

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Height: 10 cm (3.9")

Width: 8 cm (3.1")

Framed Height: 17 cm (6.7")

Framed Width: 14 cm (5.5")

Description

An early 19th century ebony framed miniature portrait of a young lady with yellow ribbon in her hair, circa 1810.

Miniature portraits are small, detailed paintings that capture a person's likeness, often used as personal keepsakes or tokens of affection. Popular from the 16th to 19th centuries, these portraits were typically painted on ivory, vellum, or metal using water-colour or enamel.

They were commonly worn in lockets or carried in pockets, especially before the advent of photography. Miniature portraits served sentimental, political, and commemorative purposes, reflecting both artistic skill and social status.

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