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Courting Favour: From Elizabeth I to James I, an exhibition dedicated to Tudor and Jacobean court portraiture, will take place at the Weiss Gallery from 26 June until 14 July 2017, to coincide with this year's London Art Week.

The Weiss Gallery, London's leading specialist in Tudor, Stuart and Northern European portraiture, with a long-held reputation for notable sales to private and public collections worldwide, is looking forward to presenting a stunning selection, representing a period of English history considered one of the most historically interesting and romantic.







William Larkin (c. 1585 – 1619) - Thomas Trayton (b. 1562), of Lewes, Sussex, painted 1618, Oil on panel: 21 1/8 x 15 1/2 in. (53.8 x 39.4 cm)

The show's centerpiece will be a stunning portrait of a young **Queen Elizabeth I**, which is a bust version of the full-length, which is the painting on loan to **Tate Britain**. Either side of the masterpiece will be portraits of her two great favourites, **Robert Dudley**, **1st Earl of Leicester** and **Robert Devereux**, **2nd Earl of Essex**.



English School, circa 1560s, Elizabeth I of England (1533-1603), Oil on panel: 17 ¾ x 13 ½ in. (45.2 x 34.4 cm.) Painted circa 1560s, £150,000.



The exhibition will also include two works by the rare Jacobean artist William Larkin. Of his collection of just fifty known works, gallery owner Mark Weiss has proudly handled ten of his paintings. As well as sales to private collectors, these now hang in museums including the National Portrait Gallery in London and the National Gallery of Victoria in Melbourne.



William Larkin (after 1580 – 1619) - Jane, Lady Thornagh (c.1600 – 1661). Painted, inscribed and dated lower left: 'Ætatis' SVÆ' 17/ANO: 1617'.

Oil on Panel: 45 1/2 x 33 9/16 inches, 113.8 x 83.9 cm

Further works in the exhibition include portrayals of James I's Queen Consort, Anne of Denmark and a drawing of her son Henry Frederick, Prince of Wales, described by Sir Roy Strong as the 'Lost King'; as well as Sir Thomas Drake, Sir Francis Drake's brother, and Elizabeth I's Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal, Sir John Puckering.



Attributed to Sir William Segar (c.1554 – 1633), Robert Dudley, 1st Earl of Leicester (1532 – 1588). Oil on panel: 35 x 29 ¾ in. (88.9 x 75.6 cm.)

Painted circa 1587, £125,000.

Courting Favour: From Elizabeth I to James I, will coincide with London Art Week (30th June-7th July) but will run from 26th June-14th July at the Weiss Gallery.