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PORTRAIT OF LADY BEING PRESENTED AT COURT

BY FRANCOIS BRUNERY 1849 – 1926

The lady appears to be wearing court dress (a special form of dress worn to attend formal drawing room courts at Buckingham Palace), but without the required ostrich feather headdress, veil, and court train. The feathered fan she holds was a standard accessory. Women were sometimes presented at court after their marriage in their wedding dress, which could again be an opportunity for a formal portrait. The dress is very distinctive and most likely to have come from the Paris couture house Worth.

Francois Brunery was born in 1849 in Turin and died in 1926. Brunery, an Italian artist, produced genre scenes, pastels, watercolors, and drawings. He was the student of Gerome and of Bonnat. He received an Honorable mention at the Paris Salon of 1903.

Oil painting on canvas signed F.Brunery 89 lower right.

Measurements:

Height:	82.5in	209.5 cm
Width:	42 in	107 cm

Measurements with frame:

Height:	88.5in	225 cm
Width:	48.5in	123 cm