

# Portrait of Queen Elizabeth II

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**1986**  
**Poster Print**  
**41 x 51cm**

This delicate portrait of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was painted by the celebrated Jersey born artist John St. Helier Lander.

Born John Helier Lander he became one of the most accomplished portraitists of his time and included several members of the Royal Family among his subjects. He was the son of bootmaker William Lander and Emily Rule and he was born on 19 October 1868 in Belmont Road.

He was given his first paint box by Lillie Langtry, the Jerseyborn actress but his father believed that he was wasting his time by painting and forbade him to continue. This meant that he had to keep his studio practice a secret for many years.

On leaving school at 15 he was apprenticed to a watchmaker, but he continued to draw and paint and when William discovered that people would pay for his son's works he withdrew his opposition and displayed some pictures in his shop. A year later, after meeting fellow Jerseyman and distinguished artist John Everett Millais he spent a year at Calderon's art school in Hampstead, followed by studies at the Académie Julian under William-Adolphe Bouguereau and Fleury in Paris, and three years in the Royal Academy Schools.