

SA1005785

A Fine 17th Century Charles II Olive Oyster Chest, Circa 1680 England

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1005785****Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 87.5 cm (34.4")

Width = 88 cm (34.6")

Depth = 57.5 cm (22.6")

Description

The cross-grain ovolo moulded top is veneered in well-chosen olive oysters laid in geometric patterns incorporating a large central floral motif, roundels, corner arc quadrants and a trefoil to each end, all outlined in holly stringing and set with bookmatched oysters. Similarly, the banded sides are veneered in oysters and holly inlaid to the centre with trefoil motifs set within a large roundel of oysters banded in holly. Divided by cross-grain D-mouldings, the two short over three long oak-lined crossbanded graduating drawers are decorated with book-matched olive oysters. Raised on solid ash bun feet. This remarkable chest is likely to be symbolic, depicting a large floral motif and trefoils to the top and quatrefoils to the sides, this possibly representing creation, the holly trinity and good fortune. The chest is incredibly well proportioned, visually beautiful, unusual and of very good colour and patination.

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