

SA1009981

Fine 17th Century William and Mary Burr Marquetry Chest of Drawers

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1009981****Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 92 cm (36.2")

Width = 97 cm (38.2")

Depth = 56.5 cm (22.2")

Description

Fine 17th Century William and Mary Burr Walnut Marquetry Chest of Drawers A William and Mary walnut floral marquetry chest, circa 1690. The rectangular ogee moulded top with a central banded oval inlaid with spring flowers, birds and scrolls of acanthus, on an ebony ground. The two short over three long oak-lined graduating drawers are similarly inlaid with reserves of marquetry and each drawer is banded in a wide leafy cut marquetry border. The burr walnut sides are banded in a marquetry border with large reserves of marquetry to the centre depicting tulips and spring flowers rising from a plume acanthus. According to Herbert Cescinsky in 'English Furniture of the 18th Century', the general spacing of marquetry during the period 1690-1705 into panels probably owed its inception to the copying of the Jacobean carved panels of the period, directly before the accession of William III. He argues that "the work of Holland is decidedly inferior in harmony of colouring, the English sycamore and plane-tree admitting of staining with colours of greater purity and giving a much better effect than beech and hornbeam used for the purpose in Holland". A similarly designed marquet...

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