

SA1013653

Large Antique 18ct Gold Cameo Brooch, Greek Mythological Figures - c.1860

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1013653****Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Description

We are delighted to offer this spectacular large antique 18ct gold shell cameo made c.1860, most likely in France. Upon first glance, its large size, distinguished proportions and opulent gold mount is striking indeed and conveys an unmistakably majestic impression. Whilst undeniably impressive and impressionable even to the untrained eye, it is upon closer inspection that its true splendour and intricacy can be fully appreciated. Taking a look at the overall design, while cameos typically focus on the quality of the shell engraving, this particular brooch features a most ornate and intricate frame made from 18ct gold. A cartouche-like shape is formed with exceptional cast acanthus scrolls on either side with additional hand-engraved and embossed floral decorations. It is, to say the least, quite uncommon to find such a level of goldsmithing and artistry on a solid gold article/jewel, let alone a cameo border (in comparison to fine silverware for example). Naturally, the more surface, thickness and weight required to decorate in solid gold dramatically increases the cost and, this in turn demonstrates the 'no-costs-cut' and affluent manner in which this cameo ...

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