

SA1024253

Antique Ladies Writing Desk, French, Walnut, Table, Bonheur Du Jour, Victorian

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1024253****Date of manufacture: 1900**

Dimensions

Height = 98.5 cm (38.8")

Width = 72.5 cm (28.5")

Depth = 51 cm (20.1")

Description

This is an antique ladies writing desk. A French, walnut decorative bonheur du jour, dating to the late Victorian period, circa 1900. Beautiful craftsmanship with superb colour and form. Displaying a desirable aged patina and in very good order. Select walnut stocks present exquisite golden caramel hues. Striking grain interest evident throughout the frame and openings. Sarcophagus top sits prominently above the serpentine front. Multiple surfaces displaying exceptional marquetry with animal and foliate decor. Lifting upwards, the arched lid dressed with an ormolu lock escutcheon — key present. Opening to reveal an extending writing surface and a trio of small drawers over a faux fascia. Surface replete with an inset leather writing skiver in a deep forest green hue. Sash aprons to each side and the front, hosting a trio of shaped drawers. Front knees accentuated with eye-catching ormolu mounts, displaying gilt tones. Standing upon a quartet of slender, elongate cabriole legs. Observed by our in-house restorers during the professional clean the desk received, a wonderful discovery was made within the frame — a personal note left in 1905; ordinarily hidden within this fine piece, ...

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