

SA1035847

1930s Decorative English Japanned Chest of Drawers

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1035847****Date of manufacture: 1930**

Dimensions

Height = 107 cm (42.1")

Width = 107 cm (42.1")

Depth = 54 cm (21.3")

Description

An Exceptionally Decorative 1930s English Japanned Chest of Drawers of Unusual Pale Blue Colour. This piece is clearly inspired by the past. The gilt brass hardware employed throughout is of excellent quality. Consisting of two short and three long drawers and standing on an elaborately shaped frieze and bracket base, this chest relies on the contrast between the wonderful pale blue background and gilt highlights for much of its decorative impact. An unusual feature is the moulding consisting of swagged drapery and bells above the drawer fronts. The gilt cockbeadings to each drawer act as frames for the decoration. In japanning, the most common form of decoration is flat essentially just painting. The most desirable decoration features raised areas and the higher the relief and the greater the variety of depth the better. This piece is well executed with areas of varying relief. The scenes chosen to be depicted here show people in magical landscapes with pagodas, palaces, bridges and islands. One figure flies a kite and another carries a parasol or umbrella. It is also notable that the top and both sides are also highly decorated. The beautiful pale blue background is su...

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