

SA1041724

Antique Swiss 10 Air Musical Box Langdorff & Fils 19th C

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1041724****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Height = 18 cm (7.1")

Width = 69 cm (27.2")

Depth = 27 cm (10.6")

Description

This is a lovely antique Swiss 10 airs Gonçalo Alves cylinder music box, manufactured by Langdorff & Fils, circa 1880. The case is inlaid and crossbanded with floral marquetry and banded decoration. The lid opens to reveal an ebonised interior with a glazed hinged cover showing the comb, and a paper label to the underside of the lid stating 'Fabrique De Geneve' Langdorff & Fils, Fabricants. The music box has got its original tune sheet which is stamped: "No 24017 Fabrique de Geneve" and lists the ten tunes and composers. Condition: It is in excellent condition and in working order. Dimensions in cm: Height 18 cm x Width 69 cm x Depth 27 cm. Dimensions in inches: Height 7 inches x Width 2 foot, 3 inches x Depth 11 inches. Music box (also musical box) is a 19th/20th century automatic musical instrument that produces sounds by the use of a set of pins placed on a revolving cylinder or disc so as to pluck the tuned teeth (or lamellae) of a steel comb. They were developed from musical snuff boxes of the 18th century and called carillons à musique. Some of the more complex boxes also have a tiny drum and/or small bells, in addition to the metal comb. For most of the...

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