

SA1049827

Antique Swiss 8 Air Gonçalo Alves Musical Box 19th Century

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1049827****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 28 cm (11.0")

Width = 66 cm (26.0")

Depth = 22 cm (8.7")

Description

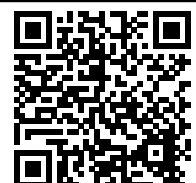
This is a lovely antique Swiss 8 airs Gonçalo Alves cylinder music box, manufactured by Qualite Excelsior Sondrite Extra Puissant Harmonie, circa 1870 in date. The Goncalo Alves case is inlaid and crossbanded with boxwood inlay and superb marquetry decoration of musical instruments. It is raised on a plinth base and is fitted with brass carrying handles. The music box features a 28cm cylinder playing eight tunes with arrow and adjustable lyre damper, with handwritten "Tremolo a Zither" play sheet and makers plate for Qualite Excelsior Sondrite Extra Puissant Harmonie. Condition: In excellent working condition, please see photos for confirmation. Dimensions in cm: Height 28 cm x Width 66 cm x Depth 22 cm. Dimensions in inches: Height 11 inches x Width 2 foot, 2 inches x Depth 9 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...

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