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**Rare Antique Georgian
Spherical/Circular Silver Gilt
Snuff Box with Acanthus &
Vine Decorations - John
Bettridge 1823**

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1067074

Date of manufacture: Georgian

Description

We are delighted to offer this rare and exquisite Georgian solid silver gilt box made in Birmingham, 1823 with the marks of John Bettridge. Featuring a wonderful bulbous and three-dimensional spherical design with a pull-off base and lid, this box sits right in the palm of your hand with a very reassuring quality feel owing to the good gauge of silver used in the creation of this piece. Both sides present a meticulous repoussé and chased decoration of acanthus/vine leaves which encompass the central three-leaf motif. What is particularly impressive is the depth of the chasing and intricacy of the leaves despite the curvature of the surface. Consistent right up to the reeded edges, stippled in the background and ornately embossed, this box is a testament to fine Georgian silversmithing which has all been done by hand in an era without electricity. Needless to mention, the gold colour (silver gilt, gold on top of solid silver) is immediately captivating upon first glance and radiates a beautiful antique yellow 'lemon-gilt' tone. The gilding continues with the interior on both parts, protecting the silver from tarnishing with whatever contents may be held within. ...

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