

SA1096844

Fine Gilt Tooled Leather & Ormolu Writing Box by Fitzmaurice West, London.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1096844****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Dimensions

Height = 13 cm (5.1")

Width = 38 cm (15.0")

Depth = 30.5 cm (12.0")

Description

An outstanding black leather and gilt tooled writing box with ormolu and mother of pearl accessories by Fitzmaurice West, London, circa.1840-77 (please read 'The Maker' below for more information on F. West). The exterior boasts gilt foliate detail to all sides and opens via a Bramah lock to reveal an interior of rich blue velvet, ebony veneer and flame mahogany. The attention to detail is such that even the key is embossed with delicate foliate decoration. The box has its original ormolu inkwell and vesta which are exceptional. The inkwell is opened via a spring mechanism operated by a button to the fore this still functions perfectly. The lift-out tray is inset with a double armorial matrix seal, a pencil, rule and scissors etc. The white metal pencil and rule, together with the mother of pearl seal and pair of compasses are original. The letter opener, scissors, pen and further mother of pearl items are historically replaced. The pen knife is absent. The velvet slope lifts to reveal a flame mahogany compartment beneath. The two tooled leather compartments lift to reveal two pocket folders to their underside with brass clasps and a further flame mahogany compartment b...

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