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A RARE MAHOGANY AUTOMATA LONGCASE CLOCK – JOHN THOMPSON – LONDON

Price

GBP 18,500

| USD \$25,034 | EUR 21,647

Item Reference: SA1108516

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 237 cm (93.3")

Description

London-based clockmaker John Thompson created a masterpiece with this mahogany automaton longcase clock. The intricate automata elements—the rocking couple on a see-saw, the windmill in motion, and the miller emerging from his house—demonstrate not only the artistic but also the engineering sophistication of the era. These animated features were crafted to entertain and astonish viewers, combining artistry with mechanical ingenuity. The silvered Roman and Arabic chapter ring, along with the subsidiary seconds dial and nameplate, showcase meticulous attention to detail. The use of flame-veneered mahogany and brass accents, such as the stop-fluted columns and finials, speaks to the clock's luxurious craftsmanship. The eight-day movement with rack striking on a bell ensures its functionality matches its aesthetic appeal. The knopped pillars are characteristic of fine clockmaking from the period, emphasizing durability and elegance. This clock would not only have served as a timekeeping device but also as a centrepiece in a wealthy household, admired for its decorative and entertaining qualities. It's a remarkable example of 18th-century horology and artistry. Serviced an...

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