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17th Century William and Mary
Olive Oyster Chest of drawers,
Circa 1690. England

Price

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Item Reference: SA1115286

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Description

This exquisite William and Mary period chest of drawers, crafted in the late 17th century, showcases outstanding artistry in both form and material. The chest is constructed from richly patinated olivewood and exhibits the highly sought-after oyster veneering technique, a hallmark of fine English craftsmanship during this era. The intricate oyster veneering, created by slicing small sections of olivewood across the grain, produces mesmerizing circular patterns, enhancing the beauty of the wood's natural figure. The top of the chest features an elegant symmetrical design with scrolling inlaid marquetry in holly, creating a central rosette surrounded by swirling motifs. The chest comprises two short drawers over three full-length graduating drawers, each finely lined in oak, banded in holly, and adorned with the original decorative brass escutcheons and bifurcated drop handles. The crossgrain ogee moulded base adds an elegant contour to the design and is supported by solid ash bun feet, a signature element of William and Mary furniture. Remarkably, this chest has endured three centuries while retaining all of its original brass hardware. It is exceptionally well-proportioned...

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