

SA1121130

An Extremely Rare Exhibition Quality Egyptian Revival Walnut and Inlaid Bench or Window Seat

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1121130****Date of manufacture: 1920**

Dimensions

Height = 92 cm (36.2")

Width = 105 cm (41.3")

Depth = 55 cm (21.7")

Description

An Extremely Rare and Possibly Unique Walnut and Inlaid Egyptian Revival Bench or Window Seat French Circa - 1910-20 Of exhibition quality, made from solid walnut and profusely inlaid with geometric tesserae including ivory, along with ebony, purplewood and fruitwood. One end comprising of dual monopodia supports with carved mythical animal masks and a dividing pierced splat, the rectangular framed woven seat with dual raised tails to the opposing short side that are joined at their ends above the long rear side, the conforming legs with carved human feet. The stylised heads do not seem to resemble any one particular animal or Egyptian god-they have elements that might suggest they are panthers, others that suggest the dog god Anubis, and in all likelihood they were simply meant to have been seen as fantastical representations of mythical beings. The heads are yoked together with something approaching a more conventional chair splat with the heads, rails, tails and splat are all inlaid with a combination of exotic woods including ebony, purpleheart and fruitwoods as well as ivory in the ancient Egyptian taste. This sort of profuse inlay is common on the best Art Deco...

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