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Gold Snuff Box with Portrait of Napoleon by Jean-Baptiste Isabey '1767–1855'

Price

GBP 38,500

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Item Reference: SA1125347**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Description

The gold snuff box is distinguished by its exceptional portrait of Emperor Napoleon I (1769-1821) by the revered miniature painter, Jean-Baptiste Isabey (1767–1855), signed and dated 1807. The portrait by Isabey is painted on enamel. Isabey portrays the emperor in the green uniform of the chasseurs à cheval with red sash and silver breast-star of the Imperial French Order of the Legion of Honour. Pinned to his left lapel are the badges of the Imperial French Order of the Legion of Honour and the badge of the Royal Italian Order of the Iron Crown of Lombardy. The portrait is bordered by blue enamel and an outer border of rosettes and leaves. 3 1/2 by 2 1/2 by 5/8 inches. Weight: 135 g, 4.76 oz, 4.34 troy oz. Hallmarks on the underside of this German-made box include an assay mark, a lion rampant and maker's mark which is heavily worn. Born in Nancy, France, Isabey arrived in Paris in 1785 to study with Jacques-Louis David. His earliest clients included the family of Eugène Rose de Beauharnais (1781 -1824). Through the marriage of his mother, Joséphine de Beauharnais, he became the stepson of Napoleon Bonaparte. He later became Napoleon's adopted son, but not the heir to...

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