

SA1128220

A 17th Century William and Mary eight-day double basket table clock by Asselin

Price

GBP 26,900

| USD \$36,401 | EUR 31,476

Item Reference: SA1128220**Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Description

A relatively small and extremely attractive late 17th century English eight-day spring-driven double basket table clock signed on the backplate Asselin London, dating to the period c.1695-1700. The elegantly proportioned ebony-veneered double basket top case has very rich repousse brass ornaments to the door and matching rectangular gilt cast brass ornaments to the sides with viewing windows, so that the movement is visible. The case rests on four bun feet. The almost extravagant basket has protruding images on all sides, the front a bust of Jesus, the back a bagpipe player (an image of the devil), the sides showing busts of a woman and a soldier. The images may reflect the religious and political problems of the time. There are period finials on the four corners. The double basket is surmounted by a richly shaped carrying handle. The fine square brass dial with a matted centre and two winding holes has an applied silvered chapter ring, a date aperture above the VI, a false pendulum aperture under the XII and gilt brass winged cherub-head spandrels in the corners. The plaque behind the false pendulum is also signed by the maker Asselin London. The chapter ring is engrav...

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