

SA1154399

A 16th century German armorial tapestry cushion cover

Price

GBP 6,000

| USD \$8,180 | EUR 7,001

Item Reference: SA1154399

Date of manufacture: 16th Century

Dimensions

Height = 77.5 cm (30.5")

Width = 74.6 cm (29.4")

Description

Circa 1530-1550. Perhaps woven in Nuremberg. Woven in wool, silk and metal thread on linen warp threads, with two escutcheons below a seraph with an aulos, or double flute, that below the shields becomes two tasselled cords, on a ground imitative of a 16th century Italian green silk damask or cut and uncut figured velvet, with two roses and two 'water flowers' to the corners, within a red border. The left hand escutcheon bears the Keutschach arms of a turnip on a blue ground, and the right hand has a flower and a chalice within a hexagram. The Keutschach family had their seat in the Carinthian district of Klagenfurt-Land, on the banks of the Keutschacher See, their wealth owed primarily to agriculture, and this fundamental reason for the use of the turnip on their coat of arms was later embellished with variations of a legend involving the most celebrated member of the family, Leonhard von Keutschach (1442(?)-8th June 1519). Elected Prince-Archbishop of Salzburg in 1495, von Keutschach ruled successfully until his death, reconciling an internally riven Salzburg, reforming and greatly enriching the economy, and fortifying its defences, with the result that under his au...

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