

SA1155090

Antique French Gold Mounted
Circular Snuff/Tobacco Box,
Portrait of a Lady in the Manner
of Cosway - 18th c.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1155090****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Description

We are delighted to offer this splendid gold-mounted lacquer & tortoise shell snuff/tobacco box made in France, 18th century c.1774-1780. Highlighting and adorning this lovely circular box is a wonderful central oval portrait of a lady, unsigned, but in the manner of Richard Cosway RA (1742-1821), a leading English miniature portrait artist of the Georgian and Regency era. Gold mounting of exotic articles and materials was highly prized and a particular fort  of 18th-century French goldsmithing which is apparent in the very fine, elegant and exquisite decorations made around each edge of the box's compartment with a highlighting two-tone gold foliate border on top. Examining the miniature reveals a wonderfully delicate, airy yet accurate portrayal of this unknown lady. Working from the edge inward to the centre of the face, each part becomes incrementally more detailed and lifelike. The background combines brushstrokes of various colours to blur and draw attention to the figure. Subsequently, the hair and clothing are still quite rugged, with only her face presenting very detailed usage of sharper lines and shadows/highlights. Whilst such details may be easily misse...

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