

SA1157911

Fine Indo - Muslim Flintlock
Musket/Jezail, extensively
decorated with inset brass and
Mother-of-Pearl Inlay,
complete with Afghan stock
c.1780–1820

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1157911****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Description

A highly decorative Indo-Muslim flintlock musket dating to the late 18th or early 19th century. This elegant piece measures 135cm overall, with a 96.5cm Smoothbore octagonal tapering sighted barrel, retained by four brass barrel-bands. The stock and forestock is finely inlaid with intricate mother-of-pearl decoration throughout. The lock mechanism is of flintlock design, likely European in origin (possibly British or French), and retains its original components including cock, frizzen, and pan. The lock plate and furniture show hand-engraved foliate detailing in steel and brass, while the entire stock is richly ornamented with repeating floral and geometric patterns inlaid in white mother-of-pearl, a hallmark of Northern Indian aristocratic arms. This musket was most likely crafted for a person of status, possibly for ceremonial or presentation purposes, rather than military use. The condition is very good, with nearly all inlay intact and the flintlock action complete & functions. A fine example of Mughal-period craftsmanship that would enhance any collection of antique arms. Measurements: Overall length: 135 cm Barrel length: 96.5 cm. Condition: Good overall co...

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