

SA1164059

**Antique Karachov Rug,
Karachov Region,
South-Western Caucasus.**

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1164059****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Dimensions

Height = 186 cm (73.2")

Width = 140 cm (55.1")

Description

This is an exceptional and very collectible rug from the region of Karachov in the south-western Caucasus, dated 1275 which translates to 1854 - as early a Karachov as can be found these days. The overall talismanic design is typically Karachov with its large octagonal, central lozenge, in this case on a red ground, and two, square symbols at each end, all containing nine '8-pointed stars'. Within the central, octagonal lozenge, are various small symbols on an ivory background, which is not something readily seen in later 19th century Karachovs. Note also, the 'zigzag' lines on either side of the red ground, one longer than the other and below each line, are 'fives' or 'quincunx' - symbols of protection. Lastly but hugely important, is the rare and early main border on an ivory background, which I see as double-headed sunbirds, symbolic guardians of the gates of Paradise. This is a highly important rug which is smaller in size to the later 19th century Karachovs, and in very good overall condition. Size: 1.86m x 1.40m (6' 1" x 4' 7").

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