

SA1164516

Fine Mid 19th Century North European Japanned or Lacquered Commode in the Rococo Manner

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1164516****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 81.5 cm (32.1")

Width = 129.5 cm (51.0")

Depth = 58 cm (22.8")

Description

A Highly Interesting Mid 19th Century North European Japanned or Lacquered Commode in the Rococo Manner. Clearly inspired by French Louis XV forms, this wonderful commode is of double serpentine shape. This means that both the sides and the front of the piece are of serpentine outline. This form is also used for the shape of the apron beneath the drawer fronts and is echoed in the cabriole legs. Unlike a typical French commode however, this piece does not have a marble top but instead is decorated throughout with the finest quality chinoiserie japanning-in other words a form of decorative painting incorporating layers of varnish in imitation of Chinese and Japanese lacquer work. The decoration is set against a fine red background which retains its original rich colouring. European japanning is quite light sensitive and so it often fades to a pinkish colour when exposed to direct sunlight for a prolonged period and the condition of this piece is exemplary. It has obviously been well cared for over the years. The decoration takes the form of various imagined scenes of "Chinese" life with exotic figures, animals and buildings enclosed with gilt borders and floral decoration...

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