

SA1170691

Superb quality mid 19th century Maltese pietre dure marble centre table attributed to Joseph Darmanin & Sons

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1170691

Date of manufacture: 1850

Dimensions

Height = 82.5 cm (32.5")

Width = 73 cm (28.7")

Depth = 73 cm (28.7")

Description

A superb quality mid 19th century (circa 1850) Maltese pietre dure marble centre table attributed to Joseph Darmanin & Sons. The table top is intricately inlaid with a central scene depicting a horse in front of a palm tree, this central section surrounded by various circular bands of specimen marbles and semi precious stones creating mosaic and geometric patterns with an outer inlaid band of oval, square and circular shapes. This leads down to the turned, rouge marble column base with an octagonal plinth below with concealed castors, this being unusual to find such a table retaining the original marble base. A superb marble table with a very similar horse and palm tree decoration can be found in 'The Royal Collection' owned by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II by J Darmanin: link to this table as follows: <https://www.royalcollection.org.uk/collection/20591/table-top> Other examples found include the pair of 'Londonderry' pietra dura table tops stamped J Darmanin which are also inlaid with the horse and palm tree decoration. James Darmanin & Sons traded from around 1800-1880 and exhibited at several international exhibitions including The Great Exhibition in London, 18...

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