

SA1172245

An Extremely Rare Arnold and Frodsham Carriage Timepiece

Price

GBP 10,950

| USD \$14,929 | EUR 12,778

Item Reference: SA1172245

Date of manufacture: Victorian

Dimensions

Height = 26 cm (10.2")

Width = 18 cm (7.1")

Depth = 16 cm (6.3")

Description

This exceptional carriage timepiece made by one of England's greatest clockmakers is highly unusual. The single fusee eight day movement regulated by a large fully jewelled lever escapement with monometallic balance is of incredible quality. The roman dial is beautifully engraved and gilded with fine blued steel cruciform hands and rocaille scroll decoration to spandrel areas within repeating leaf decorated gilt canted surround. The dial is signed Arnold 84 STRAND LONDON. 633. The case is of an unusual design more commonly associated with James McCabe. The ebony case with pagoda top is in the Chinoiserie style with glazed sides and top to show the movement and glazed front and rear doors raised above a scroll work frieze with splayed feet. The whole surmounted by a brass carrying handle. The Arnold of Arnold and Frodsham is John Roger Arnold, the son and successor of John Arnold possibly one of the most famous clockmakers of the 18th century. John Roger Arnold was apprenticed to Abraham-Louis Breguet in Paris before returning to London to work with his father. Arnold and Frodsham were not in fact a working partnership, Charles Frodsham bought John Roger Arnolds premise...

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