

SA1188402

Twin Fusee mantel clock By William Payne

Price

GBP 4,325

| USD \$5,841 | EUR 5,059

Item Reference: SA1188402**Date of manufacture: Regency**

Dimensions

Height = 34 cm (13.4")

Width = 23 cm (9.1")

Depth = 14.5 cm (5.7")

Description

A very fine English twin fusee mantel clock in the Rococo Revival taste. The eight-day movement strikes on a bell and features a heavy pendulum bob with top adjustment, suspended from a 'T'-bar suspension in the manner of Benjamin Vulliamy. The bronze case, mounted on a fixed base, is of exceptional quality, displaying remarkably crisp casting and beautifully chased decoration throughout. Notable details include the thick cast sound vents, backed with yellow silk grosgrain. The gilded dial has an engine-turned centre with a sharply defined Roman chapter ring, surrounded by a guilloche bezel. It is fitted with Payne's distinctive pierced heart-shaped hands. The movement is signed Payne, 163 New Bond Street. The model for this case derives from an 18th-century design first created by the maître bronzier Jean-Joseph de Saint-Germain for a clock by Julien Le Roy in the 1750s. We have serviced the Le Roy clock in our workshops and have therefore been able to compare the two cases directly. The fashion for Rococo, and particularly the Louis XV style, enjoyed renewed popularity in England during the Napoleonic Wars. This revival was, in part, a reaction against the more austere...

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