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ANTIQUE PERSIAN RASHT EMBROIDERY, SILK ON BLACK FELT, CIRCA 1900.

Price

GBP 1,500

| USD \$2,030 | EUR 1,755

Item Reference: SA1189030

Date of manufacture: 1900

Dimensions

Height = 125 cm (49.2")

Width = 105 cm (41.3")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

Size: 4ft 1in x 3ft 5in (125 x 105cm). Antique Persian Rasht embroidery in silk on black felt. Circa 1900. This outstanding example has a fine classical floral design in pastel colours and has great detail, a beautiful example of type. Woven in the city of Rasht in Northern Persia on the Black Sea coast, known as Rashti-Duzis they are famed for their intricately embroidered details and borders. Christies auction house writes as follows: 'From the Safavid period onwards, the city of Rasht in Persia supplied the Safavid courts at Ardebil and Tabriz with highly sophisticated embroideries, known as rasht-duzi textiles. They were executed primarily by professional male embroiderers in well-established workshops, and in the Qajar period served as saddle covers, floor covers and hangings within impressive courtly tents (Wearden, 1991, p.122). The gul-duzi-i-rasht (stitched inlay) technique was complex and entailed cutting a shape out of the ground fabric and replacing it with a carefully cut fabric of the same shape in a contrasting colour. In order to establish the necessary precision of each piece, Wearden suggests that a sharp instrument was used, much like a biscuit cut...

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