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ANTIQUE PERSIAN RASHT EMBROIDERY, SILK & FELT APPLIQUE WORK, CIRCA 1900.

Price

GBP 2,500

| USD \$3,409 | EUR 2,917

Item Reference: SA1189039

Date of manufacture: 1900

Dimensions

Height = 206 cm (81.1")

Width = 147 cm (57.9")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

Size: 6ft 9in x 4ft 10in (206 x 147cm). Antique Persian Rasht embroidery in silk with felt applique work. Circa 1900. This outstanding example has a fine elongated central medallion on green coloured felt, surrounded by multiple borders. The borders are of classical form, with the outer red ground border being an outstanding feature with the large ornate boteh design. The embroidery is in excellent original condition with a few historic signs of use. 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...

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