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A Rare Masterpiece of Victorian Scottish Goldsmithing The David McDonald 18ct Gold Snuff Box Glasgow 1843

Price

GBP 12,500

| USD \$16,915 | EUR 14,626

Item Reference: SA1192153**Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Description

A Rare Masterpiece of Scottish Goldsmithing: The David McDonald 18ct Gold Snuff Box (1843) The Pinnacle of Victorian Luxury Offered here is an exceptional survivor of the early Victorian era: a solid 18ct yellow gold snuff box of remarkable provenance and craftsmanship. Hallmarked in Glasgow, 1843, this piece represents a golden age of Scottish artistry, crafted by the esteemed goldsmith David McDonald. Artistry & Design This box is a tactile triumph. Its rounded rectangular form is designed to rest perfectly in the palm, weighing a substantial 79 grams—a testament to the generous gauge of gold used in its construction. The exterior is entirely enveloped in intricate acanthus scroll-work, a masterclass in deep engraving that creates a shimmering play of light across the surface. The lid features a sculpted foliate thumbpiece for effortless opening, revealing a central vacant cartouche—an untouched canvas awaiting the new owner's crest or initials. Historical Significance While silver snuff boxes from this period are admired, 18ct gold examples from Glasgow are exceedingly rare. In 1843, as Glasgow blossomed into the "Second City of the Empire," David McDonald was a...

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