

SA1201665

Charles II Ivory Inlaid Elm Chest on Stand c. 1660

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1201665****Date of manufacture: 17th century**

Description

A substantial and unusual solid elm and oak chest with a really beautiful colour and rich patina with three fielded panels over two original drawers inlaid with floral and foliate marquetry in ivory. The inlay work is superb and in excellent condition for age, delicately shaped and decorated vases with stems of daisies, poppies and clematis, and the decorated baskets in the lower corners of the central panel are full of cut flowers. The skill of the craftsman to execute such work with no electricity and only basic tools in such fine detail is immense. The ivory was first delicately split and thinned and then cut, shaded by gentle burning and hand engraved with each detail before being inlaid into recessed identically shaped cut outs in the panels. The two drawers open and close smoothly and retain their original heavy elm linings with rebated side runners and substantial dovetailed joints. The handles are period - small brass drops with snaped fixings on original circular brass backplates. The elm triple fielded panel lid rises on original iron split ring hinges, the fine ogee border mouldings to the panels on the lid match those to the three panels on the front. There...

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