

SA1205540

A Rare Thomas Weeks Twin Fusee Striking Balloon Clock with Exceptional Provenance.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1205540****Date of manufacture: Georgian**

Dimensions

Height = 37 cm (14.6")

Width = 18 cm (7.1")

Depth = 11 cm (4.3")

Description

An extremely rare bracket clock by Thomas Weeks. The movement has circular plates with four pillars and twin chain fusees and spring barrels, strikes the hours on a bell and has Weeks' signature exposed deadbeat escapement visible in front of the back plate. The back plate is engraved with delicate foliate scroll work in the rococo manner, as is the wedge-shaped pendulum. The movement is housed in a polished brass drum with convex glass doors to the front and back of the clock the bezels with millegrain detail to the edges, surmounted by a brass urn finial also with millegrain detail. The white enamel roman dial signed Weeks, Coventry Street London with pierced brass hands and a blued steel centre seconds hand. The unusual pendulum is of particular note shaped to swing in the very narrow space afforded by wasted satinwood case, complete with hold fast, the pendulum can be secured in the case by the circular brass hatch on the back of the clock. All other examples of this style of clock by Weeks that we know of are single fusee timepieces. The deadbeat escapement allows for the addition of the centre seconds complication, something Weeks may have developed from the work ...

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