

SA1208817

George II carved mahogany display cabinet in the manner of William Kent

Price

GBP 95,000

| USD \$128,554 | EUR 111,160

Item Reference: SA1208817**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 209 cm (82.3")

Width = 172.8 cm (68.0")

Depth = 49 cm (19.3")

Description

An exceptional George II mahogany display cabinet in the manner of William Kent; the cornice carved with running leaf and bead and reel mouldings above a pair of glazed doors which are crossbanded in mahogany and carved with egg and dart mouldings and are flanked by boldly carved corbels with projecting acanthus leaves. The base is exuberantly carved to the frieze with a central lion mask flanked by acanthus leaves and is raised on powerful cabriole legs which are boldly carved to the knee with acanthus and terminate in generous lion paw feet. The cabinet is constructed from the finest Cuban mahogany and retains a lovely untouched colour and patination. This superb early Georgian display cabinet exemplifies not only the incredible skill of the cabinet-maker but the fascination among wealthy patrons with a 'Roman' style inspired by the classicism of the antique and the drama of the Baroque. The cabinet is a great example of this period with the austere classicism of the upper cabinet contrasting with the boldness and quality of the carving to the stand with its powerful cabriole legs and the wonderful lion mask to the centre of the frieze. The taste for 'Roman' style fur...

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