

SA1211702

French Kingwood Writing Cabinet with Vernis Martin Panels & Ormolu Mounts - 19th Century

Price

GBP 4,250

| USD \$5,751 | EUR 4,973

Item Reference: SA1211702**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 157 cm (61.8")

Width = 80 cm (31.5")

Depth = 45 cm (17.7")

Description

A exceptionally fine and rare French bonheur du jour in kingwood with Vernis Martin painted panels, ormolu mounts throughout, and birdseye maple interior linings. A piece of this decorative quality and completeness is seldom encountered - the combination of superb kingwood veneers, richly painted Vernis Martin panels, and well-cast ormolu mounts places this firmly in the upper tier of nineteenth-century French cabinet-making. The upper superstructure is surmounted by a pierced gilt brass gallery above, with ormolu foliate rosette mounts applied to the upper corners. The central arched cupboard door is painted in the Vernis Martin manner - a pastoral scene depicting a young lady with her faithful dog beneath a tree, executed on the characteristic warm golden ground associated with the finest examples of this technique. The aged craquelure to the painted surface is consistent with genuine age and is a mark of authenticity rather than a detraction. The door opens to reveal a beautifully lined interior in birdseye maple with two adjustable shelves. Flanking the central cupboard, two small side drawers with hand-painted floral panels on a gold ground and original gilt brass k...

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