

SA1211734

Antique Exceptional 4 Door Serpentine Marquetry Credenza Exhibition Quality

Price

GBP 22,500

| USD \$30,389 | EUR 26,316

Item Reference: SA1211734

Date of manufacture: 1860

Dimensions

Height = 111.5 cm (43.9")

Width = 202 cm (79.5")

Depth = 48 cm (18.9")

Description

An exceptional antique English 4 door serpentine marquetry credenza of exhibition quality, crafted in the French taste and richly mounted with ormolu. A high-end piece of cabinetmaking with strong presence and refined detail throughout. The elegant serpentine form gives the piece movement and presence, while the beautifully inlaid panels depict classical floral urns framed within contrasting veneers. The marquetry is crisp and finely executed, showing careful timber selection and skilled workmanship. The influence of French Louis XV design is clear in the flowing shape and ornate gilt metal mounts, yet the overall construction reflects confident English craftsmanship. Pieces of this calibre were often made for important interiors, combining decorative impact with practical use. The top displays particularly attractive figuring, enhancing the richness of the piece. The four doors open to reveal a shelved interior, offering excellent storage for tableware, silver or linens. Traditionally, pieces of this type were used in formal dining rooms or reception spaces as both a functional and decorative focal point. The ormolu mounts, including classical masks and applied detailing...

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