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Antique Italian Ormolu & Pietra Dura Jewellery Casket 19th C

Price

GBP 1,875

| USD \$2,532 | EUR 2,193

Item Reference: SA1217896**Date of manufacture: 1860**

Dimensions

Height = 9 cm (3.5")

Width = 17 cm (6.7")

Depth = 17 cm (6.7")

Description

An extravagant Gilt Bronze and Pietra Dura jewellery casket, Circa 1860 in date. The stunning ormolu casket of circular form, inset with hardstone floral panels and a central plaque depicting a spray of grapes. It opens to reveal a Royal Purple velvet-lined interior and the casket is raised on scroll supports with ormolu ball feet. Complete with working lock and original key. Condition: In really excellent condition, having been beautifully cleaned and waxed, please see photos for confirmation. Dimensions in cm: Height 9 cm x Width 17 cm x Depth 17 cm Dimensions in inches: Height 3 inches x Width 7 inches x Depth 7 inches Pietra dura is a term for the inlay technique of using cut and fitted, highly polished coloured stones to create images. It is considered a decorative art. Pietre dure is an Italian plural meaning "hard rocks" or hardstones; the singular pietra dura is also encountered in Italian. In Italian, but not in English, the term embraces all gem engraving and hardstone carving, which is the artistic carving of three-dimensional objects in semi-precious stone, normally from a single piece, for example, in Chinese jade. The traditional convention in English...

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