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Mid-18th Century Italian Venetian Walnut, Tulipwood & Marquetry Bureau Bookcase

Price

GBP 13,650

| USD \$18,436 | EUR 15,965

Item Reference: SA1219738

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 255 cm (100.4")

Width = 146 cm (57.5")

Depth = 70 cm (27.6")

Description

A large mid-18th century Italian walnut, tulipwood and marquetry inlaid bureau bookcase, made in Venice, circa 1740, combining a glazed bookcase upper section with a fall-front bureau below. Bureau bookcases of this quality were expensive luxury furnishings when made and would have been commissioned for the homes of wealthy Venetian merchants, noble families, or members of the aristocracy. Combining display space, secure storage, and a writing bureau, they were designed to demonstrate both status and taste. Surviving Venetian bureau bookcases of the period are comparatively uncommon, and examples featuring such extensive marquetry decoration throughout are rare. The combination of walnut, tulipwood, intricate inlay, secret compartments, and original writing features makes this an especially interesting example of 18th century Venetian furniture. The upper section is surmounted by a characteristic high Venetian pediment above a pair of glazed doors opening to shelves within. Throughout the piece is marquetry decoration incorporating floral motifs, scrolling foliage, birds and butterflies. The lower bureau section features canted corners with carved capitals an...

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