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Antique Georgian Silver Gilt Snuff Box Scene of Venus - London 1810.

Price

GBP 4,500

| USD \$6,089 | EUR 5,265

Item Reference: SA1219850

Date of manufacture: Georgian

Description

We are delighted to offer this magnificent Georgian solid silver gilt snuff box made in London 1810, by Thomas Phipps & Edward Robinson. This snuff box presents majestic and spectacular traits on all fronts and is an exemplary piece. Although inconceivable through photos, the heft, quality and gauge of silver upon handling in person is exceptional. Weighing in at 177 grams, the box almost feels like it is a bar of silver, offering an exceptionally reassuring feel in hand. The top scene presents a classical mythological scene of Venus (Venus on the Waves) with embossed, chased and finely stippled decoration. Its superfluous artistry and craftsmanship is further elevated by its distinguished and intricate style of decoration. During the Georgian period, Venus was revered in art and literature as the Roman goddess of love, beauty, fertility, and sexuality. Symbolised by refined beauty, desire, and romantic intrigue, Venus was frequently depicted in idyllic, classical settings and emerging from the sea to embody artistic ideals of femininity. The figures are raised with a very lifelike and soft texture, yet with a crisp outline as if to imitate a lifelike skin texture....

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