

SA1223884

Antique French Parquetry Secrétaire Abattant Writing Desk With Marble Top & Gilt Bronze Mounts c.1880

Price

GBP 3,250

| USD \$4,398 | EUR 3,803

Item Reference: SA1223884

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 132 cm (52.0")

Width = 76 cm (29.9")

Depth = 43 cm (16.9")

Description

An exceptional antique French secrétaire abattant dating to circa 1880, beautifully executed in the Louis XVI taste and showcasing outstanding craftsmanship, intricate parquetry veneers, gilt bronze mounts and its original marble top. Constructed from richly figured kingwood and exotic parquetry veneers arranged in striking geometric patterns, the fall-front writing compartment is centred by a superb floral marquetry urn motif, framed by elegant crossbanding and fine inlaid borders. Above, the frieze is richly adorned with finely cast gilt bronze mounts featuring scrolling acanthus decoration, masks and mythical beasts of remarkable quality. The secrétaire opens to reveal a wonderfully fitted interior incorporating four satinwood-lined drawers, a useful storage compartment and an inset green writing surface, making it both practical and highly decorative. Beneath are three graduated drawers providing generous storage, all retaining excellent craftsmanship and elegant proportions. The cabinet is further enhanced by fluted pilasters, ormolu mouldings, a substantial white marble top and beautifully figured parquetry side panels, demonstrating the attention to detail associated with this period.

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