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19th C Swiss Brienzen carved walnut lidded chalice, circa 1880

Price

GBP 1,850

| USD \$2,522 | EUR 2,159

Item Reference: SA1224927

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 30.5 cm (12.0")

Width = 9.5 cm (3.7")

Depth = 9.5 cm (3.7")

Description

A superb exhibition quality Swiss Brienzen carved walnut lidded chalice of exceptional craftsmanship, dating to circa 1880. Originating from the renowned carving centre of Brienzen, Switzerland, this remarkable hand carved chalice is an outstanding example of the region's celebrated woodcarving tradition. Brienzen has long been admired for producing some of Europe's finest decorative wood carvings, and the quality and intricacy of this piece suggest it was created as an exhibition or master craftsman's work. Expertly hand turned and meticulously hand carved from walnut, the chalice stands on a flared circular base decorated with a finely carved foliate border. The elegant stem rises through a beaded collar to three beautifully carved Swiss rural figures, who appear to support the vessel above. Encircling the body of the chalice is a wonderfully detailed and engaging continuous rural scene. Three Swiss farm workers, accompanied by a faithful herding dog, attempt to coax two stubborn oxen pulling a farm cart. The charming composition unfolds before a traditional farmhouse, surrounded by finely carved trees and lush vegetation, demonstrating the carver's remarkable attention to de...

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