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Micromosaic Gold Mounted Jasper Snuff Box Early 19th Century Italian Gioacchino Barberi

Price

GBP 24,500

| USD \$33,403 | EUR 28,589

Item Reference: SA1232330**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 2.5 cm (1.0")

Width = 8.5 cm (3.3")

Depth = 6.5 cm (2.6")

Description

An Exceptional and Highly Important Micromosaic Gold Mounted Jasper Snuff Box, most probably by Gioacchino Barberi with the box likely by Moulinié, Bautte & Moynier. Rome & Possibly Geneva circa. 1810 Of green-coloured jasper, mounted in gold, the cover inserted with a micro mosaic panel of the finest quality, worked with a composition of the Capitoline Doves, having a later leather carrying box. This fine box features a micro mosaic panel of exquisite quality, probably by Gioacchino Barberi of the Barberi workshop in Rome. The panel shows the Capitoline doves, also known as the doves of Pliny. The original Roman mosaic was re-discovered in Hadrian's Villa as part of excavations there in 1737. This is one of the more commonly-encountered panels seen on boxes and other micro mosaic objects but there are several aspects to our panel that make it very rare indeed. As pointed out in Micromosaics: The Gilbert Collection, a summary of the pre-eminent Rosalinde and Sir Arthur Gilbert collection of such pieces currently housed in the Victoria and Albert Museum, it is very rare to find a micro mosaic of this subject that features the reflection of the central dove drinking fr...

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