

SA17091

*****SOLD*** Georgian English
Oak Cased Grandfather Clock -
George Stubbs 'Horse
frightened by Lion'**

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA17091

Date of manufacture:

Description

SHIPLEY'S ~ DERBY Ca. 1800 The small, elegant, oak cased country Grandfather Clocks of the Georgian period reached the peak of design perfection in the period 1780 - 1815 and this beautiful clock is a worthy example. The proportions of the case are classic, the swan neck pediments swooping, the colour of the oak with much mahogany cross banding and inserts have mellowed to a rich medium brown with, box wood and ebony stringing, and a super patina..... and the dial is extraordinary! From an etching by George Stubbs, the arch dial depicts A Horse Affrighted by a Lion. Beautifully painted, charmingly naive, and with a 'Bird of Paradise' to the center. Our professional dial restorer has carefully cleaned the dial and touched in the worn lettering. When George Stubbs first became famous in London in 1763 it was for a painting of this subject - a lion stalking a horse. Horace Walpole published a poem about how he had been profoundly moved by the painting when he saw it at the Society of Artists' exhibition. Several engravers made mezzotints of horses surprised or attacked by lions after paintings by Stubbs, but this etching is the painter's own definitive published v...

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