

SA240027

Rare Early 19th Century Anglo-Indian Ivory & Sadeli Mosaic Tea Caddy c.1820

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA240027****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Description

An exquisite example of an Anglo-Indian Sadeli Mosaic single compartment tea caddy dating to around 1820, in superb condition. Rarely seen in this eight sided shape, in fact I can't remember if I have had one this shape before. The ancient art of Sadeli Mosaic is said to have been introduced from Shiraz in Persia via Sind to Bombay, a long time before the Anglo Indian boxes were made. It was a technique, which required a high degree of skill and patience. It was executed very lavishly, in that the frequent cuts wasted a great amount of the precious materials used. The workmanship was however more than commensurable to the value of the materials. Ivory, silver, pewter (or other metals), wood and horn were cut into faceted rods which were bound together to form geometric patterns. When the glue has set, the rods were sliced in transverse sections. This gave the maker a number of angled circular pieces in the original pattern. Several variations of patterns could be achieved by combining the materials in different ways. The ivory was sometimes dyed green to give an extra colour, as in this example. A highly collectible example in superb condition, measuring The box opens...

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