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A VERY FINE 10 INCH WHEEL BAROMETER BY JAMES GATTY OF LONDON CIRCA 1790

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA354193****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Description

THIS TEN INCH MAHOGANY WHEEL BAROMETER IS BY ONE OF THE EARLIEST AND MOST FAMOUS OF ALL THE ITALIAN BAROMETER MAKERS TO SETTLE IN THE BRITAIN IN THE 18TH CENTURY. HIS WORK IS DEEMED TO BE SOME OF THE FINEST AND MOST BEAUTIFULLY EXECUTED AND BALANCED UTILISING THE VERY HIGHEST QUALITY OF MATERIALS AVAILABLE AND INCORPORATING DEVICES AND TECHNIQUES NOT SEEN IN THE WORK OF OTHER MAKERS. THIS BAROMETER IS SUCH AN EXAMPLE. THE INSTRUMENT IS ADORNED WITH A LARGE CLASSIC IVORY FINIAL FOLLOWED BY AN ADJUSTABLE HYGROMETER WITH REMOTE CONTROL. THIS UNDER A 'DOG TOOTH' LINE OF BOX AND EBONY BELOW THE SWAN NECK PEDIMENT, A LONG DROP ALCOHOL THERMOMETER IN A REMOVABLE CASE IS POSITIONED ABOVE THE FINELY ENGRAVED 10 INCH DIAL FRAMED WITHIN THE ORIGINAL CAST, CONCAVE BRASS BEZEL. BELOW THE DIAL BEZEL IS THE FRAMED LEVEL PLATE ENGRAVED, "JAMES GATTY No 132 HOLBORN. LONDON. THIS ADDRESS WAS OCCUPIED BY JAMES GATTY FROM 1780 TO 1815. HE WAS BEST KNOWN FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL WHEEL BAROMETERS. THE CASE IS FINELY FIGURED MAHOGANY WITH A BOXWOOD AND EBONY STRING TO THE OUTER EDGE. THIS INSTRUMENT IS FROM MY PERSONAL COLLECTION AND HAS BEEN CAREFULLY AND TASTEFULLY RESTORED IN OUR OWN WORKSHOP.

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