

SA378944

Rare Automata Longcase Clock by Oliver of Hitchin

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA378944****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Description

A very rare and small Home Counties longcase clock with triple automata. The movement is of 8 day duration with a 5 pillar movement and strikes the hours on a bell. The arched brass dial has a separate silvered brass chapter ring, a silvered brass centre engraved with foliage and scrollwork, a subsidiary seconds ring and a date dial. The corners are decorated with applied brass spandrels. The arch has the rare feature of an Adam & Eve automata. The scene displays Adam & Eve to the centre with the Tree of Life behind them and the Serpent climbing the tree. To the sides a Bear, Lion, Elephant, Leopard, a Dog and even a Unicorn are beautifully painted. The well proportioned and small mahogany case of London style and quality has a long trunk door veneered with high quality flame veneer and a raised panelled base with a plain double plinth. The hood has reeded angle pillars terminating with brass Doric capitals, inspection windows to the sides and a broken arch top. Note: Longcase Clocks with Adam & Eve Automata's are rare. 18th century examples with full brass dials and London style cases are exceptionally rare. The mechanism of this particular clock controlling the...

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