

SA500525

Rare, signed Befort Jeune for
Mathieu Befort 1813-1880:
Bonheur du Jour

Price

GBP 6,500

| USD \$8,796 | EUR 7,606

Item Reference: SA500525

Date of manufacture: 1870

Dimensions

Height = 105 cm (41.3")

Width = 65 cm (25.6")

Depth = 45 cm (17.7")

Description

A fantastic mid 19th C French Bonheur du Jour by the renowned French cabinet maker Mathieu Befort. Mathieu followed his father Jean Baptise Befort into the cabinet business. His workshop was on the Neuve Saint Gilles Paris. Befort's work was of the highest quality and he made pieces for Napoleon III and Empress Eugenie. This is a piece of the highest quality. The piece is in a Bonheur du Jour or ladies writing desk is in the classical style, the piece is in coromandel wood, with exceptionally well cast gilt decoration. The drawer fronts and central drop door are hand painted with classical landscapes and figural groups. Internally the piece is lined with satin wood and has to small stationary drawers and a leather tooled writing slope. The piece is topped with the original polished marble top and is signed Befort Jeune, the mark of Mathieu Befort to the frame below the marble. The piece is in overall excellent condition. There is some minor craquelure to the paintings and wear to some of the gilt but nothing that detracts from the piece. The marble top has some very minor old chips and a restored lamp vent.

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