

SA560987

Magnificent Late Renaissance Italian Walnut Cassone

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA560987****Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 92 cm (36.2")

Width = 204 cm (80.3")

Depth = 67 cm (26.4")

Description

-Welcome to Mersham Manor Antiques- An outstanding Italian renaissance 17th century carved walnut cassone (marriage chest) of superior quality and craftsmanship. The five panelled front is profusely carved in beautiful cartouche and figural designs, surrounded by naturalistic floral leaf-and-berry designs. The carving is of outstanding quality and has an incredible warmth and patina to the walnut. The incredible carving continues to the base, where the chest is supported by two amazing dragons, possibly representing Thyrus, a ferocious dragon in Italian folklore that besieged Terni in the middle ages. These are truly wonderful, having quite sinister but also rather cheeky faces, with beautifully carved wings and arched necks, clinging to the base with large clawed feet. The front of the chest has a drop-front which opens to reveal three central drawers flanked by shelved storage space. With working lock and key. The cassone has been adapted / altered in the 19th century, the drop-front has been created in the 19th century as the top would have originally lifted. The wood at back of the chest and some internally has been replaced, shown in the pictures. Also the d...

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