

SA694000

Large Georgian Silver Croix de St Lô Black Dot Paste Cross Pendant

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA694000****Date of manufacture: Georgian**

Dimensions

Height = 7.6 cm (3.0")

Width = 6.4 cm (2.5")

Description

A magnificent Georgian silver cross in Croix de St Lô style dating from c.1800, acquired in France. The solid silver cross is set with five brilliant black dot conical collet-mounted pastes, with further small rose-cut pastes decorating the intricate openwork frame. The lower section with teardrop dangle is a separately articulated piece, which trembles prettily as the wearer moves. The Georgians would paint a black dot on the bottom end of paste stones (the culet) to help give an illusion of depth and make them look more like real diamonds as they sparkled in the candlelight. The stones are encased in typically Georgian balloon back settings, with foiled backs behind to reflect the light for added sparkle. The bail is an open hook, fixed to the piece and suitable for wearing on a ribbon or chain. In very good antique condition. Two of the large balloon back settings have small dents. One side of the cross curves back slightly more than the other. We believe some of the smaller rose-cut stones (notably those surrounding the central paste) are replacements. These flaws are imperceptible when the cross is worn and in no way detract from its amazing impact! Size: 7.6 x ...

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