

SA724974

William Tonks For The Savoy Grill, London - Magazine Rack c.1910

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA724974****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Dimensions

Height = 38.1 cm (15.0")

Width = 35.6 cm (14.0")

Depth = 19 cm (7.5")

Description

A fabulous find and superior quality. This early twentieth century magazine rack was made by the top-notch manufacturer, William Tonks and Sons of Birmingham, England with the famous trade mark impressed into the solid Oak base - WT&S' with a stylised sun. Alongside this impressed mark is the mark for the famous London "Savoy Grill". From the 1900s, the Savoy Grill became the place to be, and be seen, in theatreland. Evenings would see the dining room overtaken by actors and directors after performances, while during the day, 'creative types' (writers, critics, composers and producers) would gather for long lunches and attract wannabe young actors and actresses looking for parts. With the growth of the film industry, Hollywood stars were soon flocking to London where the Grill gave them a chance to escape the hounding of the press. A street entrance (where the wine collection now lives) meant the likes of Charlie Chaplin, Judy Garland, Errol Flynn and Elizabeth Taylor could enter without the pomp and ceremony of the main hotel foyer, and dine in peace with the knowledge that staff at the Grill were known for their discretion. Wonderful quality and condition dating ...

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