

SA752946

Antique Imperial Russian Silver Table Snuff Box with Vermeil - 19th Century.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA752946****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 2 cm (0.8")

Width = 8 cm (3.1")

Depth = 4.3 cm (1.7")

Description

This table sized snuff box was made by silversmith August Teodor Werner in Warsaw c.1870. Due to the historical occupation, joint reigns and frequently-changing borders of the Imperial Russian Empire in the 19th century, one of the Russian silver assay offices was located in Warsaw during 1852-1899. The majority of Teodor Werner's silver works were hallmarked with Russian hallmarks and an extra trademark (not found on standard Russian silver), "anchor in an oval" - a common trait found in Russo-polish silversmiths. A commonly shared opinion amongst specialist is that Werner was characterised by the high technical level and richness of decorations on his craft despite the rather small factory (40 Workers) in comparison to counterpart micro-factories of the Imperial Russian era. Evidently, this snuff box is of no exception with an ornate scalloped outer design and a stunning interior vermeil. The hinge and close of the box are flawless and the craftsmanship of the box boasts of a high quality design and feel. The lid and base have an "engine turned" design with a bold crest in the centre. Overall, an excellent historical piece as well as an intricately designed obj...

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