

SA781944

John Obrisset English Pressed Horn Snuff Box Signed OB

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA781944****Date of manufacture: 1700**

Dimensions

Height = 2.8 cm (1.1")

Width = 7.1 cm (2.8")

Depth = 7.1 cm (2.8")

Description

Rare early 18th century English pressed horn snuff box, signed OB for John Obrisset Titled LA REMONNEE (fame) Allegorical, almost certainly commemorating the capture of Sardinia and Minorca, 1708. Winged Fame, blowing a trumpet with a Royal banner, drives two powerful carriage horses, Queen Anne sits resplendent, holding a sword and palm leaf, being crowned with a victors laurel wreath by winged Victory. In excellent glossy condition with no damage or repair, tiny edge nick to the top. The image still clear and sharp with very little wear to the high relief. Diameter 2,3/4" or 71mm, weight 51 grams. ***** John (Jean) Obrisset was considered the premier maker of horn and tortoiseshell boxes. He was the son of an ivory carver, a Huguenot who emigrated to London from Dieppe, France with the Restoration. He converted his father's ivory carving techniques to that of heating, moulding and carving both horn and tortoiseshell. He was not recorded as a member of any of the guilds, but his name (usually monogrammed OB) appears on many horn and tortoiseshell boxes of the late 17th and early 18th century. Obrisset specialized in p...

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