

SA815051

Rare Antique Georgian Solid Silver Mazeppa Snuff Box - Edward Smith 1836

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA815051****Date of manufacture: Georgian**

Dimensions

Height = 2.3 cm (0.9")

Width = 8.6 cm (3.4")

Depth = 5.8 cm (2.3")

Description

We are delighted to offer this rare solid silver snuff box made by Edward Smith, Birmingham 1836. This snuff box features a magnificent top lid with the "Mazeppa" scene portrayed in impressive intricacy and detail. THE POEM Mazeppa was a narrative poem written in 1819 by an English romantic poet - Lord Byron. The poem was based on a popular legend of the early life of Ivan Mazepa (1639–1709), who later became Hetman (military leader) of Ukraine. In summary, the poem depicts a young Mazeppa who has a love affair with a Polish Countess, Theresa, while serving as a page at the Court of King John II Casimir Vasa. Countess Theresa was married to an older Count who on discovering the affair, punishes Mazeppa by tying him naked to a wild horse and setting the horse loose. A large portion of the poem describes the traumatic journey of the hero strapped to the horse. Ultimately the poem terminates with Mazeppa awakening to find himself in bed, with his wounds being tended by a "Cossack Maid" and thus survives the ordeal. Subsequently, this poem came to be praised for its "vigor of style and its sharp realization of the feelings of suffering and endurance" and i...

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