

SA842978

A GOOD VERGE ESCAPEMENT BRACKET CLOCK BY JOHN JOSEPH MERLIN, LONDON. CIRCA 1780

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA842978****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 59.7 cm (23.5")

Width = 36.8 cm (14.5")

Depth = 24.1 cm (9.5")

Description

It would be difficult to surpass the pedigree of such a clock of this period as the maker was considered to be a multi-talented genius. He notably worked with Cox to make the famous 'Swan' automaton. This clock has been purchased from a private collection. The substantial, five pillar, double fusee movement with Verge escapement, attached pendulum rod with pear-drop bob and rack striking the hours on a top-mounted bell. There are also the added features of Strike/Silent, pull repeat striking and calendar datework to the arch of the dial. The backplate is profusely and well engraved with a floral Rococo, intertwining design that is typical of this maker. The 7 1/2" wide, break-arch brass dial has ornate cast brass corner and arch spandrels and brass ring-framed enamel time and arch date dials. The calendar date dial has Arabic numerals around the divided ring and the main dial has Arabic outer fives, a divided minute ring, inner Roman hour numerals and ringed centre that bears the maker's name "MERLIN" of "LONDON" above and below centre in a concentric arc. The pierced and shaped steel hands are well executed. The large 'Bell-top' ebonised case is adorned with cast brass...

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