

SA846076

Signed 19th C. Meiji Diminutive Lacquer Stacking Cabinet, C. 1850-1867, Japan

Price

GBP 5,800

| USD \$7,849 | EUR 6,787

Item Reference: SA846076**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 12.4 cm (4.9")

Width = 13 cm (5.1")

Depth = 8.9 cm (3.5")

Description

The highly decorated tray in the form of a table frames a series of three stacking boxes, a further three lidded boxes and a tray concealed within, raised on ogee bracket feet. This fine lacquer stacking cabinet of gold and black is a variation on a cabinet for incense. It contains small boxes within boxes to hold incense woods, and an outer tray in the form of a table with legs. All of the original eleven components are present. The opening up of Japan in the mid-1850s after more than two centuries of seclusion from the rest of the world triggered a huge interest in Japanese art and design. Western collectors, artists and designers particularly admired lacquer, for which they had no equivalent. Further reading: This stacking cabinet relates closely to an example purchased by the Victoria & Albert Museum at the Paris Exhibition of 1867 (accession number: 875 to J-1869). This and subsequent international exhibitions were largely responsible for introducing Japanese art to the Western public. Lacquerwork formed a central part of the Japanese displays at these exhibitions. Some examples were old, but the majority, like this piece, were new or nearly new. The V&A acquired...

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