

SA888334

ENGLISH LANTERN CLOCK VERGE ESCAPEMENT BY MICHAEL BIRD, LONDON. CIRCA 1690.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA888334****Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 38.7 cm (15.2")

Description

A charming example of an English Chamber clock which has been privately purchased and is new to the market. The chain driven, posted framed, 30 hour duration movement with its original, internal rear-mounted Verge escapement and short attached pendulum. It has countwheel hourly striking on the top-mounted large bell that is extremely loud. The chapter ring fits within cuttings to the frame top and bottom and has high Roman hour numerals, Fleur-de-lys half hour markings and an inner quarter track. The alarum setting disc has Arabic numerals and an open tulip centre design, the dialplate centre is also engraved with the tulip design and is well-executed. The frame is 5 5/8" square by 5 5/8" deep and the chapter ring diameter is 6 1/4". The single piece, long tailed hand is original but unusual, I assume that the tail is extra long to give the impression at first glance that is a two-handed clock. 'Chamber' clocks, so-called because they were usually situated in the owners bed chamber were the very first domestic timepieces and are still very affordable considering their age, limited numbers and Horological importance. There is a misconception that most old Lantern clocks a...

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