

SA900501

Georgian Five Inch Sun Dial by Matthew Berge - Royal Observatory Interest

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA900501****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 10 cm (3.9")

Width = 12.5 cm (4.9")

Depth = 12.5 cm (4.9")

Description

For sale, a fine George III five-inch miniature brass sun dial with original feet by Matthew Berge of London. Comprised entirely from brass, this diminutive sun dial is perhaps the most beautifully engraved example that I have yet come across. It has a Roman numeral scale, marked with hour points and two further circumference rings divided for twenty and four minute intervals. The scale is surrounded by a dart pattern engraving which culminates at the South position with floral scrolls and the centre point denoting the famous London instrument maker, Matthew Berge, London. The inner section of the dial is provided with a sixteen-pointed compass rose with minutely engraved floriated arms at the eight main compass points and a beautifully designed miniature gnomon to the centre. Of significant rarity are the three base feet which still remain with this dial and coupled with the definition remaining on the engraved dial, it strongly suggests that it has never been installed during its long existence. To return to the dial engraving, a small additional feature between the compass rose and the outer Roman numeral dial provides an interesting and most unusual conundrum, an ar...

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