

SA920952

Mid Victorian Astronomical Telescope on Stand by John Browning 63 The Strand London

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA920952

Date of manufacture: 1870

Dimensions

Height = 180 cm (70.9")

Width = 140 cm (55.1")

Depth = 40 cm (15.7")

Description

For sale, an extraordinarily beautiful astronomical telescope on stand, by John Browning of 63 The Strand, London. Perhaps the finest example I have had the pleasure of owning, this would have been manufactured for serious astronomical observation. It is comprised of 55 inch brass barrel with a 4 inch objective lens and is operated by means of a manual focus sliding eye tube and fine focus being achieved by a small secondary barrel operated on rack and pinion and a knurled brass turn at the side. This end of the main barrel is also engraved to the maker, John Browning and the address of 63 The Strand, London giving good indication of manufacture date. The main lens is further engraved to John Browning and is visible when removed (Please see images) and retains its original dust cap. The top of the main barrel is also provided with a smaller star finder scope which would allow the observer to locate general positioning of astronomical objects before moving to its more high-powered counterpart. The altazimuth mount provides further indication of the telescope's quality. Two central lugs provided at the centre of the barrel are positioned and locked into a heavy cast iron...

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