

SA921722

An Extremely Fine and Rare 19th Century Ormolu Cartel Clock

Price

GBP 11,950

| USD \$16,293 | EUR 13,944

Item Reference: SA921722

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 72 cm (28.3")

Width = 40 cm (15.7")

Depth = 12 cm (4.7")

Description

An exquisite Louis XV style gilt and patinated bronze cartel clock. The eight-day two train bell striking movement, with vertically planted platform cylinder escapement and stamped with S. Marti et Cie MEDAILLE D'ARGENT. 1889 roundel and serial number 647 to backplate. The dial formed as a deep blue and gold flecked enamel dome applied with gilt Roman numerals and stars set within billowing clouds interspersed with sunburst rays. Applied with three patinated bronze cherubs in flight, around the dial attending to a floral garland. Amongst the clouds can be found a pair of doves, a horn and arrows, a quiver and bow. This coupled with the cherubs and flower garland would suggest this clock was made as a love token or wedding present. The symbolism of love, marriage and fertility, the cherubs representing the three Greek Erotes, make this an extremely romantic clock. The extremely fine ormolu (gilded bronze) case in remarkable original condition, has a satin and burnished finish highlighting the cloud forms. Other details such as the love birds and arrow quiver are chased and polished, contrasting with the beautifully sculpted cherubs dark bronze patination. The original g...

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