

SA926993

George III Enamel Dial Bracket Clock with Ebonised Case and Brass Fittings

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA926993****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 51 cm (20.1")

Width = 35.5 cm (14.0")

Depth = 26.5 cm (10.4")

Description

An imposing and impressive George III enamel dial Bracket clock by William, Mathews and Thomas Best. Contained within a large ebonised case with brass carry handle, ogee feet and edge trim. The circular enamel dial displays both Roman and Arabic numbering, plus an inner ring with days of the month. There are two subsidiary dials one for Strike/Silent, the other for front adjustable pendulum speed setting. Surrounding the dial is a gilded mask with gilt spandrels to the bottom corners. The elaborately decorative brass hands are typical of this age, as is the third brass hand for the day of the month. The twin fusee movement is inscribed by the maker Thomas Best who is believed to have collaborated with William and Mathews on this clock (see below). Thomas Best was known for making a large number of clocks and watches for both the Dutch and English markets. At one stage he went bankrupt (1789). He worked between 1770-1794 (Brittens clock and watch makers, p371. Although ballies quotes Best as working from 1761), this would coincide with William Mathews who finished working in 1776 an overlap of six (or 11) years depending who is correct. This was also interestingly the ...

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