

SA999397

Rare 'Madelaine' Carriage clock

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA999397****Date of manufacture: 1900**

Dimensions

Height = 19 cm (7.5")

Width = 9 cm (3.5")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

Description

A fine and quite rare carriage clock retailed by Finnigans circa 1890-1910. In all the 43 years of restoring antique carriage clocks we have only seen one of these, a slightly smaller example. This design is one of the rarest and in our opinion a true classic. The arched dial is silvered and has the classic 'engine turned' decoration. The hands are the traditional moon pattern and blued. The movement is gong striking and key wound from the rear. The case is constructed of solid cast and gilded brass. It's also quite large which adds to the appeal with this shape. Finnigans established in the 1830's by Brian Finnigan, an Irishman descended from Brian Boru, the king of Ireland in the high Middle Ages. He was the son of a seafarer, who spent summer months sailing off the coast of Newfoundland. In 1851, Finnigans gained international recognition when the house won a gold medal for craftsmanship at Prince Albert's Great Exhibition at the Crystal Palace. In 1879, William Finnigan opened a Finnigans shop at 18 New Bond Street in London. Soon, American millionaires such as the Rockefellers, the Vanderbilts and the Fords joined the house's customer base. Finnigans also sold cloc...

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