



## Gilt-metal Oval Box With Hardstone Marquetry, Italy, 19th Century

350 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Other



### Description

Oval box in gilt metal, the lid adorned with hardstone marquetry and imitation in a geometric design composed of a central checkered reserve bordered by triangular elements, the mount chased with a Greek key frieze around the perimeter. Italy (Florence or Rome). 19th century. H\_2 cm L\_6 cm Minor signs of use, micro-scratches, and slight losses to the inlay. The technique of hardstone work (or micromosaic/stone marquetry), highly developed in Italy from the 17th to the 19th century, is distinguished by the meticulous assembly of various ornamental stones selected for the variety of their colors and natural patterns. This piece belongs to the production of objets de vertu and souvenirs intended for travelers on the Grand Tour, renowned for the virtuosity of their

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mosaicked and geometric decorations.