



18th Century, Box Depicting Neptune With Enamelled Miniature

3 500 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Copper

Length : 6

Height : 8

Depth : 3



Description

18th century

Box depicting Neptune with enamelled miniature

Copper, cm 8 x 6 x 3

The object in question represents an 18th century gilded copper casket, decorated with geometric and vegetal patterns on the base. The lid, of extreme artistic value, sees a refined representation of the sea god Neptune, immortalized according to the traditional iconography driving his cart pulled by horses, dolphins or seahorses, in the act of holding the trident with power.

As a sort of scenic backdrop to this exquisite illustration carved in copper there is a small enamelled insert, miniature masterpiece, depicting a marina with sailing ships.

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These boxes that often assumed the function of snuffboxes were usually made of precious materials, decorated with miniatures and accompanied by engraved dedications, then be donated in particular circumstances and become a real fashion accessory indispensable.

Originally used by men, then also adopted by women, tobacco boxes had their golden age in the eighteenth century. The king of Prussia, Frederick the Great, had a vast collection, made with precious materials and decorated with gallant, pastoral or mythological scenes.

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