



Portrait Of Abraham Louis Breguet Circa 1798



15 500 EUR

Signature : Unknown

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Other

Width : 115 mm

Height : 130 mm

Description

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unknown artist 1747-1823
Abraham Louis Breguet was born on January 10, 1747, in Neuchâtel (Switzerland). He arrived in Versailles at the age of 15 in 1762 to be an apprentice. In 1771, he invented a system of winding and setting the time "by the pendant". Several watchmakers took out patents on this subject in the 19th century, but this system did not become established until the end of the century (the manufacture of key watches stopped around 1890-1900). He set up on his own on the Île de la Cité in 1775. He is also the author of a very large number of inventions which brought watchmaking to the highest level of perfection. He invented the "Breguet" hairspring, the tourbillon, the bumper, the perpetual calendar, the

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double-barrel mechanism and the double-seconds stopwatch. He creates friendly clocks which wind up and set the time on a watch placed on a cradle placed above them. In 1815, he was appointed watchmaker to the Royal Navy. Then he became a member of the Academy of Sciences. His works are distinguished by the perfection of their execution, their originality and their functional elegance. He is one of the greatest watchmakers of all time. Abraham Louis Bréguet died on September 7, 1823, in Paris. He rests at Père Lachaise. We find very few portraits of Breguet on sale. miniature portrait of breguet by Marie-Louise Breguet sale Chayette lot 195 on December 8, 2008 Watercolor antiquorum sale lot 408 on May 13, 2018