



Cartel Pendule Clock- Louis XIV Period - Signed Thuret



9 500 EUR

Signature : Isaac Thuret

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Marquetry

Width : 25 cms

Height : 51 cms

Depth : 16 cms

Description

A rare and beautiful Louis XIV gilt bronze mantel clock in Boulle marquetry with its original mechanical movement signed THURET known as clockmaster of King Louis XIV late XVIIth and recognized among the best clockmakers for his remarkable timepieces executions. The clock displays all the design characteristics of Louis XIV period style, starting with its shape. This one is rounded on the top, straight for the uprights connected by a volute to end with a slight curve at the level of the feet. The chiseled gilded bronze dial indicates the minutes in arabian indexes as well as dark blue enameled hour markers in roman indexes. 4 adjustment positions are seen on number XII. Fine original blue steel hands. The escapement has been modified from its original crownwheel to a anchor type with a

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heavy and adjustable pendulum keeping very accurate time. It rings on demand hours quarts on three bells carter pulling a rod. The whole clock is covered with Boulle marquetry over a brown tortoiseshell background and fine brass inlays with engravings. The rear door which gives access to the movement features a remarkable marquetry design patterns with figures of grotesques inspired by Berain or BVRB repeated both on the interior side and in counterpart (tortoiseshell on a brass background) on the exterior side. This unique "double" cut marquetry is seen on the most prestigious timepieces that were displayed by Aristocrats in the middle of the castle rooms on pedestals. The rich ornate trim design of this cartel is composed of an antique lamp on top (very specific of the workshops of André Charles BOULLE), crown king pediment, lower part of the dial signed THURET, aries hoof feet, folliages, palms. References- a very similar cartel clock signed from Thuret is documented on book "La Pendule Française du Moyen Âge au XXème siècle " by Pierre Kjellberg - page 42 - figure A - very similar Louis XIV clock design with movement by THURET, in Versailles library - Dictionary of French clockmakers-Tardy- Thuret Isaac recorded as Watchmaker of King Louis XIV - ca 1684.