Flat Desk Stamped G. Dester



28 000 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Wood marquetry

Length : 130,5

Height : 77

Depth : 60,5

Description

Elegant flat desk stamped by the cabinetmaker Godefroy
Dester, made around 1780. This piece of furniture perfectly
illustrates the refinement of Parisian furniture in the last quarter
of the 18th century.

Crafted in fine woods such as rosewood, it is inlaid on
the front with sycamore and stained sycamore in delicate geometric
patterns known as "à la reine," typical of the neoclassical style, and framed with fine veneers alternating amaranth
and stained sycamore.

Dealer

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The apron opens with two drawers and a side pull covered
in gilded leather with a small iron, a highly sought-after detail in
18th-century desks today, thus saving space and providing a useful
solution. It also features two simulated drawers on the back.

The whole piece is enhanced with rich gilt bronze ornamentation; of corner drops in suspended drapery, of keyhole pulls
and simulated keyholes decorated with a leafy garland topped with a
large knot, finely chiseled, of a side pull decorated with a large
circled stylized cross, and in the center of each of the two facades
of a rosette of foliage blooming in their center.

The tapered rosewood legs, decorated with three beaded
sycamore flowers, are topped with stylized gilt bronze capitals and
finished with square gilt bronze sabots.

The double veneer frames, alternating light and dark
woods, are a highly valued feature in late 18th-century furniture
design. This created a strong contrast while maintaining a delicate
and distinguished line.

The top, framed by a gilt bronze ingot mold with convex
corners, is upholstered in antique black leather gilded with a small
iron.

High-quality workmanship, combining the elegance of
Louis XVI style, the richness of materials, and

the discreet
functionality of 18th-century furniture.

Its relatively modest dimensions make it a highly
prized
desk. Bearing the stamp G. DESTER, Godefroy
Dester (died December 24,
1805), Master on July 27, 1774.

Original gilding
Restoration due to use and maintenance.

Dimensions:
H 77 cm x W 130.5 cm x D 60.5 cm