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French Silver-gilt Buckle Belt- Circa 1900, With Napoleonic Influence



395 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Length : 13

Width : 9

Height : 4

Description

This exceptional and richly decorated gilt silver buckle was made in France around 1900. It is clearly inspired by earlier classical motifs. The elegant scrolls and acanthus leaves recall the aesthetic of the First Empire, creating a unique fusion of neoclassical elegance and the nascent geometry of Art Deco. The piece is adorned with four cabochon-cut stones, probably agate or jade, which add a subtle touch of color and refinement. The maker's mark JQ, struck within a lozenge, is most likely that of Janvier Quercia, a renowned silversmith in France. It also bears the French hallmark with the head of Mercury, guaranteeing first-grade silver (950/1000). After its sale in Brussels, the buckle was re-inspected in Belgium, as evidenced by the four letters "A" affixed--two on the main structure and two on the removable

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parts. It is preserved in its original case, signed Simonet Deanscutter - Brussels, prestigious Belgian jeweler and Supplier to the Royal Court. Characteristics Fine example of early Art Deco with historically inspired elements Adorned with four cabochons, probably in agate or jade Decorated with acanthus leaves typical of the Napoleonic style Careful finishing and high-quality materials Date: Circa 1900 Origin: France, later re-controlled in Belgium Silversmith: Probably Janvier Quercia (JQ) Hallmarks: Mercury head (first title French silver, 950/1000) - Diamond-shaped maker's mark with the initials JQ - Four Belgian "A" hallmarks (two on the base and two on the moving parts) Material: Silver, richly gilded Case: Original case signed Simonet Deanscutter, royal jeweler in Brussels Condition: Excellent old condition; Very slight traces of time A rare and historically remarkable piece, ideal for collectors of French goldsmithing, early 20th-century design, or imperial-inspired ceremonial jewelry. Thank you for visiting my shop. Kind regards, Ben