



Silver-gilt Perfume Bottle, Early 19th Century



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Vermeil

Description

Vermeil Perfume Bottle
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Charming perfume bottle in vermeil (gilded sterling silver, 925), shaped like a gourd and finely engraved with decorative friezes. Each side features a pierced cartouche centered with a classical-style mask, surrounded by an openwork motif of foliage and birds. These cartouches open to reveal a hidden inner compartment adorned with tortoiseshell. This clever concealment was once used to store scented pastilles or aromatic crystals. The bottle is topped with a finely sculpted stopper, depicting a bearded figure holding what appear to be two large plates. The stopper slides along two chains attached to each side of the bottle and is connected to a large ring, allowing the piece to be suspended. A signature on the ring : Arglan ?

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Dimensions: o Height without stopper or chain:
approx. 6.6 cm o Height from top of the figure to
base: approx. 9 cm o Full height with ring and
chain: approx. 14 cm o Width (at chain
attachments): approx. 4.3 cm Total gross weight:
27.8 g Hallmarks: French swan mark
(guaranteeing 925/1000 silver) Condition: Good
overall condition for a piece of this age. Both
compartments open; one closes less easily,
likely due to a slight dent in the metal. The
stopper fits properly but does not stay closed,
likely because the original sealing material (such
as cork) is missing. It still slides smoothly along
the chain. Note: A similar bottle -- with the same
shape and circular opening mechanism, but in
gold -- is held in the Musée du Parfum (Fragonard
collection - Paris), dated between 1774 and 1780.