



## Carved Mother-of-pearl Fly Box Or Snuff Box, 18th Century



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Period : 18th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Nacre

Length : 6 cm

Width : 4,5 cm

Height : 3 cm

### Description

Superb fly box or snuff box from France or Germany Saxony. Mother of pearl and silver snuff box from the Louis XVI period, second half of the 18th century. Very thick mother of pearl and unmarked silver mount. Louis XVI period after 1760. H 3 cm 6 cm by 4.5 cm. Rare snuff box or fly box with cage mount (the rarest) in silver and mother of pearl, very sculpted with a very strong relief on the lid. It is rectangular in shape, the lid has a very beautiful engraved decoration of a couple of musicians under a tree. The characters in a bucolic setting are sculpted in very strong relief in the manner of a cameo. The mother of pearl panel used for this lid was therefore very thick, while remaining translucent to the light. The interior has retained an old collection label, moreover this box comes from

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the collection of a former antique dealer. Look carefully at the fine carving of the lid, even the eyes of the characters are finely executed. Each side including the underside are engraved with floral ornaments, with great care, a guarantee of quality. This box represents a rare object of virtue: This snuffbox perfectly embodies the precious object that any wealthy person should possess. Rich in its decoration but also in the use of several materials such as mother-of-pearl and silver. It is an object of exquisite refinement. Appearing at the end of the reign of Louis XIV, first in silver, the snuffbox will experience immense success in the spheres of high society of the 18th century. Used, collected, shown, it is an essential collector's item. A high-quality German or French production. Condition report: Perfect condition. Dimensions: 6 cm long by 4.5 cm wide and 3 cm high. We deliver, and we ship all over the world, please contact us for a precise quote.