



Malachite And Silver Egg With Napoleonic Seal



3 000 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Height : 26

Description

This refined piece consists of a malachite egg mounted on a repoussé and chased silver base. The surface of the malachite, a highly prized hardstone admired in the imperial era for its deep green veining, is enriched with silver applications of floral garlands and festoons, crowned by a finely worked finial. The structure rests on a square base with small feet, decorated with vegetal and foliate motifs in relief. When the egg is opened, a surprise is revealed: a bust of Napoleon Bonaparte in military uniform, crafted in gilt silver, serving as the handle of a small seal-holder. At the base of the bust is inserted a seal engraved with the famous imperial "N", emblem of the Napoleonic dynasty. The interior of the egg is gilded and carefully finished, evoking the sumptuous goldsmith works and

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commemorative objects created in honor of the Emperor and his legend. This piece stands as both a masterpiece of decorative art and a Napoleonic commemorative treasure of great charm and rarity.