



Small 18th Century Edo Cabinet



28 000 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Lacquer

Length : 45

Height : 132

Depth : 33

Description

An elegant and refined small Edo cabinet from the first half of the 18th century, made for export to Europe.

Resting on its dark wood base, it presents a perfectly balanced silhouette, enhanced by a rich decoration of landscapes, architecture, and floral motifs.

The front consists of two doors, surrounded by a wide polychrome border of green and red floral scrolls on a light background. The center, meanwhile, features a black background, depicting lake and rural

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landscapes, with Asian buildings, trees, and stylized rocks in gold and red, typical of the oriental style. The top and sides feature similar decorations, and two carrying handles are attached to either side of the cabinet.

A large, intricately carved lock adorns the center of the cabinet.

The interior features an unusual and highly distinctive design.

It features five drawers in two rows, the lower section framed by red and blue painted decorations on a white background and interlacing, and featuring gilded country and lake landscapes in the center.

In contrast, more than half of the cabinet, the upper section, depicts a small miniature theater. Gilded columns, openwork balustrades, finely decorated panels, and stepped steps create a perspective architecture, evoking a palace scene.

In the background of this design, what appear to be doors leading to interior rooms form a drawer on either side.

A central drawer beneath the columns forms a staircase.

On either side, two drawers, decorated in the same way as the five below, are hidden behind the balustrades.

Finally, three less visible drawers are hidden at the top of the theater.

The
interior doors are decorated with flowering
branches, contrasting
with the theatrical decor.

Of
rare elegance, this fully lacquered piece is a
perfect testament to
the refined and symbolic aesthetic that
characterized Japanese
decorative art of this period.

This
high-quality cabinet, whose distinctive palatial
theater setting
makes it a unique work, both aesthetic and
practical, thanks to its
numerous drawers, both visible and hidden, and
the very high-quality
carvings and theatrical trompe l'oeil.

Edo
period, 18th century, in its beautiful original
lacquer.

Antique
rectangular base.

Provenance:

Bargany House, Girvan, Ayrshire.Total
dimensions: H 132 cm x W 45 cm x D 33 cm

Cabinet
dimensions: H 44.5 cm x W 45 cm x D 27.5 cm

Base
dimensions: H 87.5 cm x L 45 cm x D 33 cm