



PROANTIC
LE PLUS BEAU CATALOGUE D'ANTIQUITES

Antique Spanish Gramophone-phonograph By Serrano Y Arpí, Barcelona, Spain Circa



1 700 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Description

View in
360°:<https://ardhamin.sirv.com/2025/09/GR-E-336/GR-E-336.spin> Watch the video on
YouTube: <https://youtu.be/V905RdJqHYw> This
beautiful and well-preserved Spanish horn
gramophone or phonograph was manufactured
around 1915 by the renowned Barcelona firm
Serrano y Arpí, under the brand "AM -
Aparatos Fonográficos." It is an authentic and
complete piece, highly representative of the
beginnings of the Spanish phonographic industry.
It stands out for its elegance, structural solidity
and excellent performance, qualities that make
it both a collector's item and a fully functional
instrument. The large Spanish-style metal
horn retains its original deep emerald-green paint
with a satin interior. It shows slight and uniform

Dealer

IberAntiques

Antiques and Collectibles

Tel : +34 976 45 39 31

Mobile : +34 617 46 85 03

Calle Juan Cabrero, 18 Local AA

Zaragoza 50007

wear, typical of the passage of time, which not only does not detract from its value but adds character and authenticity. This vibrant horn contrasts magnificently with the solid mahogany base. The case remains in very good condition, with an even shine and visible grain that enhances its aesthetics. The gilt metal fittings with floral motifs and the fluted corner columns, in neoclassical style, reinforce its visual appeal and give the piece a majestic presence. The metal turntable spins smoothly thanks to the original Swiss double-spring motor, still in excellent working condition. Although the felt has been replaced with a new one, all other components remain original, giving the piece high historical and investment value. The sound is clear, powerful, and well projected for its typology. All mechanisms - soundbox arm, brake, regulator, and crank - are original to the model. The soundbox itself is also original, still bearing the inscription "Aparatos Fonográficos AM - Marca Registrada." This gramophone represents a rare balance between aesthetics and functionality. It is ideal both for inclusion in a collection and for decorating a classical or vintage-style interior with personality and charm. Its exceptional state of preservation and the beauty of its finishes make it especially hard to find in such conditions. A unique opportunity to acquire an original sound object with history, presence, and value. Dimensions: Horn length 67 cm (26.38 in). Horn diameter 62 cm (24.41 in). Base width 41 cm (16.14 in). Base depth 41 cm (16.14 in). Case height 22 cm (8.66 in). History of Serrano y Arpí Serrano y Arpí was a Barcelona-based firm dedicated to the manufacture of gramophones and phonographs in the early 20th century. Registered under the commercial name "Aparatos Fonográficos AM - Marca Registrada," its activity began around 1913, with advertisements already appearing in the Catalan press that year. Its main premises were located at Calle del Vidrio nº 7, in the Gothic Quarter of Barcelona, a historic and commercial hub at the time. Later, a

shop was also opened at Plaza Cucurulla nº2, a central area with high pedestrian traffic that favored direct sales. All known documentation places the company's activity exclusively in Barcelona. While there are occasional mentions of a possible connection with Madrid, there is no evidence of a branch there. More likely, its distribution network reached all of Spain from Barcelona, through catalog orders or agreements with local dealers. In its ads and catalogues, the firm proudly presented itself as a manufacturer, emphasizing its own production with statements such as "Talking Machines manufactured in Barcelona by Serrano y Arpí AM." Their products enjoyed a good reputation for clear sound, solidity, and refined aesthetics, as seen in the surviving models. The company also offered technical services, spare parts, and accessories, which shows their comprehensive customer service. Their AM brand was even found on promotional cardboard discs and on high-quality identification plates, further strengthening their commercial presence at the time. Serrano y Arpí's gramophones are recognized for careful craftsmanship, both in wood finishing and mechanical precision. Although the exact closure date is unknown, the firm remained active at least until the late 1920s, when gramophones began to give way to new sound formats. Today, Serrano y Arpí gramophones are considered true collector's pieces, prized for their beauty, reliability, and as witnesses to a brilliant era of Spanish phonographic history. Their rarity on the market, combined with their characteristic design, makes them highly valued by collectors and sound history enthusiasts alike. We are professional antique dealers. To see more photos of this item, Please click on this link: <https://www.antiguedades.es/en/antique-gramophones/5320-antique-spanish-gramophone-serrano-y-arpi-barcelona-spain-ca-1915.html>

<https://www.proantic.com/en/1628666-antique-spanish-gramophone-phonograph-by-serrano-y-arpi-barcelona-spain-circa.html>