



Important Icon Of The Major Orthodox Feasts, 18th Century Russia, Palekh School



4 900 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Painted wood

Height : 53,5

Description

A sumptuous and large composition comprising 17 miniature icons depicting major Christian feasts, arranged around a central theme representing the Resurrection of Christ (Easter). This spectacular miniature painting dates from the late 18th or early 19th century--around 1780/1820. Its style, palette, exquisite refinement, and profusion of detail allow it to be attributed to the renowned Palekh iconographic school, located northeast of Moscow in the region known as the "Golden Ring." The small town of Palekh was a center of art and spirituality in the 18th and 19th centuries, home to some of the greatest iconographers of their time. Their masterpieces enriched the collections of the Romanov imperial court, the high aristocracy, and the clergy. Today, they are preserved in major Russian and

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international museums. This icon is painted in warm tones using tempera (a paint made from egg yolk and natural pigments) on an oak panel. The background is gilded with gold leaf, lending an incomparable luminosity to the entire work. The 17 scenes depict the major feasts of the Orthodox liturgical calendar, including Easter, the Nativity, Trinity Sunday, the Nativity of the Virgin Mary, the Annunciation, the Baptism of Christ, and the Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. In the corners are the four Evangelists--Mark, Matthew, John, and Luke. It is in very good original condition, with minor wear consistent with age, including craquelure, cracks, and slight restorations to the paint layer. This icon is sold with its certificate of authenticity and a complete description of the work. A superb and rare collector's item. Dimensions: (H) 53.5 cm by (W) 43.5 cm