



## 17th Century Spanish "bargueño" Writing Book



3 800 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Solid wood

Width : 104.5

Height : 152

Depth : 41

### Description

The bargueño is an emblematic piece of furniture from 16th- and 17th-century Spain. Traditionally, this imposing cabinet is specially designed to be easily used as a writing or money-changing table. This word, bargueño, undoubtedly refers to the main production center for this furniture in 16th- and 17th-century Bargas or Vargas, near Toledo. Its use is unquestionably linked to travel, administration and commerce. The multitude of small drawers is often complemented by secrets, as is the case with this one. For these reasons, this typically Spanish cabinet is fitted with solid hardware whose elegant chasing further enhances the overall decorative qualities, and certainly secures the cabinet with a lock akin to a hasp system. This bargueño rests on a "tarte de puente" base in the form of a small table with trestles or

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trestles. Before opening the bargueño, pull the two supports towards you to rest the writing table that also forms the cabinet's closing panel. These two practical elements are cleverly concealed by two carved shells, and once stretched, allow the panel to rest without risk. Inside, the sumptuous tableetry alternates between scallop shells, lozenges, colonnettes and interlacing, echoing the architecture and decorative tastes of the period. The grips of each drawer are shells. The whole forms a perfectly symmetrical front, whose craftsmanship and decorations are the legacy of Mudejar art, a cultural and artistic imprint that left a lasting mark on Spanish art. Furniture in very good condition Cabinet height without base: 65.5 cm Information and other photos on request.