18th Century Maltese Walnut Specimen Wood Marquetry Cabinet



14 800 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Marquetry

Width : 132

Height : 93.5

Depth : 68

Description

Very Fine Early 18th-Century Maltese Indigenous Specimen Wood Marquetry Inlaid Walnut Cabinet CupboardA rare and exceptionally fine example of early 18th-century Maltese craftsmanship, this cabinet cupboard showcases the very best of indigenous specimen wood marquetry and refined cabinet making.The brass moulded rectangular top is richly inlaid with indigenous specimen woods, arranged in an intricate design of triangles and diamonds forming an overall star motif. The woods include ebony, walnut, yew, boxwood, elm, and other rare timbers, creating a striking contrast of colour and grain.Below, two lockable cupboard doors open to reveal two interior shelves, offering practical storage within a highly decorative piece. The moulded doors are entirely veneered in

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marquetry, with abstract, geometric and parquetry style patterns in kingwood, olive wood, and other fine exotic timbers. The same sophisticated geometric motifs are repeated on the shaped sides, all with inlay marquetry and crossbanding, lending the piece a strong architectural presence.The cabinet stands on its original reeded bun feet and retains its original working locks and keys, further enhancing its authenticity and desirability. The warm, rich patina acquired over centuries underscores its age and quality, and the play of light across the inlaid surfaces gives the cupboard a jewel like appearance.Marquetry and parquetry of this quality represent one of the highest forms of furniture decoration perfected in Italy in the 17th and 18th centuries. This piece, with its complex geometric designs, rare indigenous woods, and the combination of block-front and bow front shaping with angled sides, suggests a bespoke commission and gives the cabinet an unmistakably Italianate character, while firmly rooted in Maltese tradition.Both a functional storage piece and an exceptional work of art, this highly unusual cupboard is ideal for the discerning collector or anyone wishing to introduce a statement of historical luxury, refined taste, and Mediterranean elegance into their interior.