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Antique Persian Qalamkar-style Textile Depicting A Polo (chowgan) Match, Qajar Period



780 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Tapestry

Description

An antique Persian Qalamkar-style textile depicting an animated game of Chowgan (traditional Persian polo), dating to the late Qajar period, circa 1880-1920. Printed on handwoven cotton, the composition is inspired by the rich tradition of Persian miniature painting. Mounted horsemen compete with long polo mallets while attendants and elegantly dressed court figures observe from the background. The figures wear Persianate court costume with wrapped turbans and distinctive caps, set amongst stylised floral motifs within an ornamental border. The scene is accompanied by inscriptions in Arabic script identifying the subject as a representation of the game of Chowgan. Polo originated in ancient Persia and became one of the most celebrated royal sports of the Persian courts before spreading

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throughout the wider Persianate world. The costumes, composition and decorative treatment all reflect the enduring influence of Persian miniature painting. Qalamkar textiles were traditionally produced in Isfahan using carved wooden printing blocks with hand-applied colours. Figurative examples depicting courtly scenes are considerably less common than the floral furnishing textiles more frequently encountered, making this an attractive and unusual example. Dimensions: 29 × 32 cm. Good condition. SOLD WITH A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY It is possible to pay in installments. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me 0678679716 or email tdixonfrance@yahoo.co.uk. Frais de port inclus pour la France. Shipping included in the price for FRANCE. Price does not include international shipping. Please contact me for a shipping quote. I am happy to combine shipping costs if you buy more than one item to save you money. Please note that I ship all items insured priority mail with tracking. I am an Englishman living down in the beautiful rural South of France and spend my days searching the little brocantes, flea markets, and shops for treasures. If you are forming a collection, I will be happy to advise you. We speak English and French. Nous parlons anglais et français. Any questions will be answered promptly. MONEY BACK WITHOUT QUESTION IF I MISREPRESENT SOMETHING IN ANY WAY. I want YOU to be happy at the end of the day, so buy with confidence. I take a great deal of care packing - I have a proven track record of selling high value, fragile items that arrive safely worldwide. Payment: Credit Cards via PayPal. Cheque or Bank transfer. Other payment methods are available, please ask.