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Pair Of Ivory Miniatures Signed By Boily - The First Hot-air Balloons And Aerostats From 1783

900 EUR



Signature : Boily

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Width : 8,5cm

Height : 7,5cm

Description

A rare pair of watercolor miniatures on ivory, signed by Boily, depicting two iconic scenes from the first hot-air balloon ascents in 1783, a landmark event in the history of ballooning. The first miniature depicts the launch of the first hot-air balloon, while the second depicts the first aerostat built in Paris. The compositions, brought to life by a crowd of spectators, subtly capture the enthusiasm generated by these aeronautical demonstrations, which left a lasting mark on the late 18th century. Delicately painted on thin ivory plates, they demonstrate great mastery in the rendering of perspective, architecture, and atmospheric effects. This particularly rare subject will appeal to enthusiasts of antique miniatures as well as collectors of the history of science and ballooning. Both works are preserved in their

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elegant oval frames of blackened wood, accented with beaded brass molding. On the reverse are old handwritten inscriptions identifying the scenes: First aerostat built in Paris (1783). Departure of the first hot-air balloon (1783). Signature: Boily. Technique: watercolor on ivory. Period: late 18th - early 19th century. Frame dimensions: 8.5 × 7.5 cm each. Condition: very good condition; the paint is fresh and well-preserved, with a slight patina on the frames from normal use. In accordance with current regulations, these works containing antique ivory are offered exclusively as works of art and antiques. A pair that is particularly rare due to its subject matter, bringing together two precious records of early French aeronautical endeavors, in cabinet-sized dimensions ideal for a collection of miniatures or a cabinet of curiosities.