



Ivory Miniature: Portrait Of A French Citizen From The Revolutionary Era, Dated 1798



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Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Ivory

Length : 8

Width : 4,7

Description

A rare gouache miniature on ivory depicting a French citizen in Revolutionary-era attire, painted in Rome in 1798 during the Directory. The subject is depicted in bust view, wearing a wide black bicorne hat adorned with a tricolor cockade, dressed in a blue coat with a red collar and lapels, complemented by a light-colored vest and a white cravat. A decoration or medal is visible on his chest. The miniature is preserved in its oval gilded metal case, featuring a ring at the top reminiscent of the settings used for watches or portable mementos from the late 18th century. On the reverse, a handwritten inscription framed by a border of painted flowers and foliage reads, in part: Made in Rome on 20 Floréal, Year 6 of the French Republic--Citizen Krebs, painted 1798. The 20th of Floréal, Year VI, corresponds

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to May 9, 1798, which precisely places the work in the final years of the French Revolution, at the beginning of the Directory period. Dimensions of the miniature alone: 5.2 cm long by 4.2 cm wide. Note: there is a chip on the back glass; see photo. Good overall condition