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Large Display Bookcase Made Of Fine Woods And Marquetry, Stamped "a. Bastet, Lyon"



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Signature : Bastet a Lyon

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Wood marquetry

Width : 165

Height : 170

Depth : 40

Description

A significant display bookcase made of fine woods and marquetry, stamped A. Bastet, Lyon, remarkable for the richness of its decoration and the quality of its cabinetmaking. With an architecturally designed and perfectly symmetrical composition, the piece features a central glass-fronted section flanked by two side compartments. The central display case, equipped with several glass shelves, is ideal for displaying collectibles, porcelain, or glassware. It sits atop a lower compartment closed by two doors decorated with vertical fluting. The two side sections open via tall doors and feature numerous interior shelves. Their facades are particularly remarkable for their geometric trompe-l'oeil marquetry panels, composed of a repeating pattern of cubes that creates a beautiful sense of

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depth. The lower panels also feature geometric marquetry arranged in a diamond pattern. The piece is punctuated by fluted stiles and embellished with extensive gilded bronze ornamentation: friezes of interlaced rings, rosettes, decorative drapery, handles, and keyholes. The upper section is crowned by a central molded projection that accentuates the piece's architectural elegance. An antique plaque preserved inside bears the inscription: "Lyon - Upholsterer-Decorator - A. Bastet - Antique Art, Art Nouveau - 3 and 5, rue du Président Carnot" The piece also bears the signature " A. Bastet - Lyon", providing an interesting insight into Lyon furniture from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. With its generous dimensions, the finesse of its marquetry, and the abundance of its ornamentation, this bookcase is a particularly decorative piece of furniture. Period: late 19th century Origin: Lyon, France Signature: A. Bastet, Lyon Materials: fine woods, marquetry, gilded bronze, glass Height: 170 cm Width: 165 cm Depth: 40 cm In good overall condition with signs of wear and tear consistent with its age. A. Bastet was a renowned firm specializing in cabinetmaking, furniture production, and upholstery and interior design based in Lyon. History and Address Period of operation: From 1864 to 1935. Founder: Antoine Bastet. Historical address: 3 and 5 Rue du Président-Carnot in Lyon. Motto: "Do it well and let them talk."