



Elegant 20th Century Neoclassical Style Game Table



2 200 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Metal

Width : 44

Height : 70

Depth : 44

Description

A rare mid-20th-century card table, presumably of English manufacture and likely of Regency design and taste. This particularly interesting piece of furniture is crafted entirely of painted and varnished metal and features an ingenious system for transforming it into a chessboard.

The table features a rectangular upper body, resembling an elegant casket in shape, supported by four long, tapered legs joined at the bottom by thin, arched metal crosspieces. The upper surface, composed of two hinged rectangular elements in

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ivory-colored painted metal,
deserves special attention. The surfaces,
deliberately textured and
marbled, create a refined contrast with the warm
orange-reddish
background of the body below. The furniture is
incredibly richly
decorated, with a succession of minute,
neoclassical-style black
ornaments arranged along the bands of the upper
body and echoed on
the legs. The lid is completed with two small,
pinecone-shaped metal
finials, a further reference to the neoclassical
decorative
repertoire.

The uniqueness of this piece is fully revealed
through its
intricate opening system. The central top reveals
a chessboard
painted in traditional black and white, flanked by
two hinged side
panels decorated with a striking marbled surface
imitating malachite.
Moving the central section also reveals an interior
divided into four
compartments, originally intended to hold small
objects or gaming
accessories. The rare combination of these
functions brings the piece
closer to the typology of the so-called "games and
work tables,"
transformable tables that were especially popular
in England during
the Regency period. Intended for the private
rooms of stately homes,
these pieces could combine gaming surfaces with
storage for sewing
and various parlor activities in an extremely
compact space.

The color scheme of the orange body, the pale
upper surface, the

black ornamentation, the stark geometric contrast of the chessboard, and the deep green hues of the marbled panels is also strikingly decorative. A vibrant yet balanced palette, capable of transforming a functional piece of furniture into a small, distinctive piece.

This coffee table fits seamlessly into both a collection of antique furniture and a contemporary setting, where the lightness of its structure and the originality of its surfaces make it a particularly eye-catching feature. The piece shows signs of aging, wear, and minor losses of the painted decoration consistent with its age and use. Overall, it appears to be in good condition.

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