



Small Boulle Marquetry Box In Tortoiseshell, Pewter, And Brass



8 500 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Marquetry

Length : 16,5

Height : 10

Depth : 13

Description

A very elegant small rectangular casket featuring Boulle marquetry, brass and pewter set against a tortoiseshell background, all framed in ebony. The casket boasts a particularly refined composition, richly inlaid on all sides with designs of scrolling foliage, leaves, and vases. The lid is especially remarkable; its design centers on a stylized rosette, alternating pewter and tortoiseshell within a brass circle, encircled by a wide band of tortoiseshell "contre-partie". Flanking this are large, symmetrical foliate arabesques crafted from chased pewter and tortoiseshell contre-partie. This impressive decoration is bordered by a wide frieze of engraved pewter featuring stylized foliage. The sides of the casket echo this ornamental vocabulary, featuring compositions of confronting scrolls, acanthus

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leaves, and volutes punctuated by vases. On the front panel, the marquetry centers on a gilt-bronze keyhole escutcheon shaped like stylized foliage. The piece is particularly appealing for its compact proportions, which concentrate the full refinement of Boulle marquetry into a small surface area. The choice of tortoiseshell as a background allows the brass to stand out harmoniously, while the use of pewter, a less common material, lends the casket an added air of prestige by creating a particularly subtle play of light. French work, 18th century. Restoration consistent with age and maintenance. Dimensions: H 10 cm x W 16.5 cm x D 13 cm