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Pavel Ovchinnikov. Silver Ark With Glass Enamel. Moscow, 1899-1908

18 500 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Parfait état

Width : 7.5

Diameter : 6

Height : 12



Description

Cloisonné and glazed enamel kovch by Pavel Ovchinnikov, Moscow, 1899-1908. A remarkable example of Russian goldsmithing at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries, created in the workshop of Pavel Ovchinnikov--Purveyor to the Imperial Court. The kovch is made of 84-zolotnik silver, partially gilded and decorated with cloisonné and glazed enamel. The composition features stylized swallows flying over a field of flowers, with a miniature butterfly placed in the background--a symbol of fleeting beauty. The exceptionally refined enamel work reveals admirable technical mastery: the cloisonné lines delicately outline the silhouettes of the birds and plants, while the vitreous areas lend lightness and depth to the scene. The curved handle, decorated with floral motifs in polychrome enamel and fine

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gilded details, is particularly eye-catching. The piece as a whole is imbued with Art Nouveau aesthetics and reflects the finest traditions of the Moscow school of enamel. Hallmarks: Pavel Ovchinnikov's full hallmark beneath the double-headed imperial eagle--mark of a Supplier to the Imperial Court; Moscow hallmark for 84 zolotniks (1899-1908); Assay Inspector--Ivan Lebedkin (initials IL). Dimensions: 12 × 7.5 × 6 cm Weight: 137 g Provenance: The Greenfield Collection of Russian Enamels, Christie's New York, October 20, 1998, Lot 205 ID-ANTQ-6508