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Fan With Optical System - France - Galeries Du Palais Royal - C. 1825

1 500 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Nacre

Length : 21,5 cm



Description

Folded fan; the main panel is painted in gouache and richly decorated with gold in the Gothic style, featuring a large painted scene depicting a pond on a neoclassical estate. Two couples are joyfully boating while another chats peacefully on the lawn. Large gilded arabesque decorations accented by roses. The reverse features an etching enhanced with gouache roses, depicting a couple and their young daughter buying flowerpots from a street vendor. Beautiful mother-of-pearl mount; the plumes are re-pierced and carved, featuring in the center of the baton a gold-enameled medallion depicting a pansy. The bases of the monture re-pierced and inlaid with a lens. When closed, the fan can function as a magnifying glass, adjusting to the pressure of the thumb and index finger. In fair condition. France, c. 1825. Note: The

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term "Palais Royal frame" is sometimes used to describe ornate fans sold in the galleries of the Palais Royal, with the enameled medallion serving as a rebus reminiscent of the Ancien Régime: I think of you, think of me.