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Rare Portable Equinoctial Sundial, Engraved And Nielloed, Signed "menant à Paris," 17th Century



1 550 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Width : 6,5 cm

Height : 7,2 cm

Description

Rare portable equinoctial sundial made of engraved and nielloed brass, signed "Menant à Paris," 17th century. Description Octagonal in shape, this beautiful antique scientific instrument features rich engraved decoration, with hour scales in Roman and Arabic numerals, stylized floral motifs, and elegant ornamentation. The central section features a compass under glass, while a finely decorated, articulated gnomon allows for the reading of solar time. The reverse side features a remarkable engraved circular disc, accompanied by a table of latitudes for various European cities, including Paris, Brussels, Calais, Lyon, Rome, Turin, Strasbourg, and Basel. A fine example of a 17th-century timekeeping instrument and scientific precision, attesting to the craftsmanship of Parisian makers. Condition:

Dealer

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In good condition, with an original patina, signs of use, and oxidation consistent with its age. Dimensions: 7.2 × 6.5 cm. Please feel free to contact me for any additional information or to request more photos of the items offered for sale.