19th-century Japanese Writing Desk.



820 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Lacquer

Width : 36 cm

Height : 17 cm

Depth : 30,5 cm

Description

A very beautiful, large Japanese writing desk: 36 cm wide, 30.5 cm deep, 17 cm high.It is lacquered black with decorations combining two techniques: polished gilding without relief and gilding with a thick relief effect achieved by mixing it with other materials, such as charcoal or clay powder.The writing box's wide lid features the latter technique and depicts a peacock and his mate against a background of cherry blossom branches and flowers.The entire rim is richly decorated with delicate flowers and branches--primarily cherry blossoms--using the flat gilding technique. The lid, which comes with its original key and a functional lock, opens onto a two-part writing tray whose leather has been replaced in our workshop. The upper section opens to reveal a lacquered decoration of great

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finesse on its reverse side and a spacious storage compartment. The square holes on top were intended to hold inkwells.The upper part of the writing case is closed by a remarkable curtain-style lid that opens in two sections, revealing a removable pen compartment that conceals a compartment whose bottom is pierced with round holes, the purpose of which is unknown to us...This magnificent writing desk, in excellent condition, will be a key decorative element in your home office.