Straw Marquetry Casket With The Crucifixion, France, Dated 1735

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Period : 18th century

Condition : En l'etat

Description

Inlaid casket featuring a depiction of the Crucifixion, France, dated 1735. ùPeriod: 18th century, dated 1735. Origin: France (likely from the eastern part of the country or a monastic setting). Materials and technique: marquetry on a wooden core with engraved and stained elements; turned dark-wood feet; iron lock and hinges; copper-alloy/brass key; interior lined with embossed, gilded paper in shades of red and gold. Dimensions: base 18.5 × 13 cm; height 12 cm. This 18th-century casket combines the refinement of ornamental marquetry with precise devotional iconography. The domed lid features a scene of the Crucifixion, flanked by the Virgin Mary and Saint John, with the inscription "INRI," a skull and crossbones at the foot of the cross, and four rosettes in the corners. The front is decorated with

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two winged putti framing a garland of foliage around the lock, along with the engraved initials "G" (or "J"), "C," and "K." On the right side, the date "1735" appears, surmounted by a crown within a similar garland. The interior retains its original embossed, gilded paper lining--featuring decorative motifs in red and gold--as well as a small side compartment on the left, the original hinges, and an openwork key. The object bears witness to the mastery of the art of marquetry during the reign of Louis XV and is in a good overall state of preservation, though it shows signs of wear consistent with its age: small cracks and minor losses along the corners and edges, slight oxidation of the iron components, as well as a patina or signs of rubbing on the paper lining inside.