Silver-plated Ballroom Dance Program Featuring Miniature Horsemen, Napoleon III Style

750 EUR



Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Length : 6,6 cm x 10,3 cm

Description

Silver (subtitle) and vermeil ballroom guestbook, entirely chiseled, repoussé, and openwork, adorned with a painted miniature, from the Napoleon III period (second half of the 19th century). Both sides feature a rich high-relief decoration inspired by the Neo-Renaissance or Neo-18th-century styles.It features numerous animated figures: horsemen, soldiers, and elegant women moving amid interlacing plant and floral motifs.The whole is crowned by a cartouche forming a coat of arms.In the center of one of the sides is a medallion containing a painted miniature depicting the portrait of a young girl.The interior reveals the vermeil's gilding, as well as its compartments for the dance cards and its small original mechanical pencil for noting the order of the dances.An indispensable accessory

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for social gatherings and high-society balls in the 19th century, this dance card book is a testament to goldsmithing of great finesse, blending the luminous contrast of silver and vermeil (gilded silver).This notebook is in good condition and of high quality. It has no hallmark but is most certainly made of silver (low fineness).Please note: a few stains on the inside; the tip of the mechanical pencil is broken; a few minor dents; slight distortions on the silver mounts; some dirt and scratches from age; the miniature is damaged; signs of wear from age--please examine the photos carefully.Dimensions: 6.6 cm x 10.3 cmReference: E60 573All photos are available at:www.antiques-delaval.com