Louis XVI Period Marquetry "sauteuse" Commode With Scientific Attributes, Circa 1780



8 500 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Marquetry

Length : 104

Height : 81

Depth : 53,5

Description

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Description:
Rectangular in form, this "sauteuse" commode opens with two drawers separated by a recessed rail. The upper frieze is inlaid with diamond-point and lattice reserves, bordered by composite stringing. Below, the front is divided into three panels of quarter-matched veneer. The central panel bears a marquetry medallion with attributes of the sciences, and ribbon-tied stringing frames the whole. The sides repeat the same decoration. The straight uprights, with simulated fluting, rest on tapering legs ending in simulated sabots of light-colored wood (lemonwood or sycamore). Chased ormolu mounts highlight the piece:

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escutcheons, ring handles on rosette backplates, a palm-leaf apron mount, rosettes and triglyphs. A molded gray marble top completes the commode.

In the age of the Enlightenment and the Encyclopédie, astronomy, geometry and physics fascinated educated society, and cabinetmakers made the attributes of the sciences one of their favorite motifs. Made circa 1780, this commode combines the rigor of Neoclassical architecture with the richness of varied marquetry.

Technique:
Wood veneer, quarter-matched veneer and marquetry. Chased ormolu mounts. Molded gray marble top.

Dimensions:
Height: 31 7/8 in (81 cm)
Width: 41 in (104 cm)
Depth: 21 in (53.5 cm)

Condition:
Fine condition; restoration and general upkeep carried out in our workshops. Examined by the expert Stéphane Pepe.