Napoleon III-era Vanity Table With A Square Glass Dome And An 18th-century Cushion



3 600 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : En l'etat

Material : Bone

Description

Vanity case displayed on its original blackened wooden base with molded, rounded corners, protected by a rare square antique blown glass dome from the Napoleon III era. Description:The piece rests on an authentic 18th-century reliquary cushion made of cream-colored silk, richly embroidered with gold thread in foliage motifs and edged with its original gold braid. This cushion is adorned with small carved skulls (made of bone or ivory) arranged at the corners and in the center. In the center sits a human skull (an antique anatomical cast) with a beautiful dark, nuanced patina, crowned with a woven crown of thorns. Preserved entomological specimens (dragonflies and damselflies with iridescent blue and amber wings) complete this allegory of the transience of life, perched on the crown, the

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cheekbone, and the antique fabric. Dimensions: Total height (with globe): 3approx. 30 cmBase length: approx. 30 cmBase depth: approx. 30 cmCondition:In very good condition. The square globe--a particularly sought-after and rare shape compared to oval or cylindrical globes--is intact and features the slight bubbles and ripples characteristic of 19th-century blown glass. Authentic patina from use on the base and signs of age on the 18th-century silk, consistent with its age.