Lady's Mahogany Writing Desk With Viennese Enamel Plaques, Late 19th Century



25 000 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Description

A rare lady's writing desk, known as a bonheur-du-jour, in mahogany, entirely decorated with Viennese painted enamel plaques and chased gilt bronze mounts, made in the late 19th century.The upper tier is crowned by a pierced gilt bronze gallery centred by a ribbon-bow and laurel crest. It is arranged around an old mirror plate with its original silvering, flanked by two small cabinets. Each opens with a door set with a large enamel plaque - a young woman offering a lamb before a statue of Cupid, and a classical scene with figures - and stands on a small drawer painted with a gallant scene. Four enamel columns painted with arabesques, garlands and flowers support the gallery.The frieze opens with a central drawer and carries a band of rectangular plaques and round enamel medallions: gallant and

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pastoral scenes, a horseman, gods and cupids, within gilt bronze frames. The top is edged with a pierced gilt bronze frieze. The square tapering legs are clad on every side with enamel plaques painted with arabesques, trophies and flowers, and shod in gilt bronze.Period: late 19th centuryMaterials: mahogany, Viennese painted enamel, chased gilt bronze, old mirror glassDecoration: gallant, pastoral and mythological scenes; arabesques in the 18th-century tasteCondition: requires restoration; restoration can be arranged on request, with a quoteDimensions: on request