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A rare and exceptional Baroque leather studded trunk

£7,400



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Height: 62 cm (24.4")

Width: 100.5 cm (39.6")

Depth: 52.5 cm (20.7")

Description

The domed lid and sides all covered in the original patinated leather decorated with studded arabesques and a floral gilt bronze escutcheon. The front folds down to reveal a painted interior comprising three short drawers above one long drawer all painted with floral and fruit decoration below a very rare painted scene of Boules players set in an architectural landscape. The domed lid with a beautiful oak-lined interior.

This chest is one of the rare testimonies of Boules in the late 17th century, prized and reserved for the nobility until the revolution. The game was banned to commoners by both Charles IV and Henry V and remained only accessible to the higher echelons of society until later in the 18th century.

France, circa 1690

Provenance: Once part of the collection of Parisian auctioneer Bernard Oger.

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