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Alphonse Giroux (1799 -)

A Fine Louis XV Style Gilt-Bronze Mounted Marquetry Dressing Table

Circa: Circa 1850

160 x 100 x 52 cm (63 x 39³/₄ inches)

Gilt-Bronze

France

1850

The underside of the drawer with a stencil mark and paper label for 'Alphonse Giroux & Cie'.

A Fine Louis XV Style Gilt-Bronze Mounted Marquetry Inlaid Dressing Table by Maison Giroux.

This rare dressing table is inlaid all over with very fine floral marquetry typical of the period. It is illustrated by Christopher Payne in his book 'Paris Furniture: The Luxury Market of the 19th Century'; p. 367.

Literature:

Payne, Christopher. Paris Furniture: The Luxury Market of the 19th Century, Editions Monelle Hayot (Saint-Remy-en-l'Eau), 2018; p. 367.

Artist description:

Maison Giroux was founded by François-Simon-Alphonse Giroux in 1799 at 7 rue du Coq-Saint-Honoré, Paris. The store, specialising in small luxury goods and curiosities, expanded rapidly in the first half of the nineteenth century, François oversaw the manufacture and design of small items of furniture until his death in 1848. He won the Prix de Rome in 1825, and a silver medal at the Paris Exhibition of 1834.

Under the direction of Giroux's sons, Alphonse-Gustave and André, the company flourished and became by the late 1860's one of the most pre-eminent Parisian Maison de Haut Luxe (luxury stores).

In 1867, Ferdinand Duvinage, a cousin of Alphonse-Gustave and André, took over the management of the business alongside a Mr Harinkouck.

Makers Bibliography:

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