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A Louis XVI Style Parquetry and Marquetry Fall-Front Secrétaire

Circa: Circa 1890

118 x 96 x 42 cm (46¹/₄ x 37³/₄ inches)

Gilt-Bronze mounted

France

1890

Stamped to the carcass '10298'.

A Louis XVI Style Gilt-Bronze Mounted Parquetry and Marquetry Fall-Front Secrétaire with a Marble Top.

This elegantly shaped Secrétaire is decorated all over with foliate lattice inlay and has an inset marble top with three quarter gallery, above a central fall-front door and two cupboard doors. The canted uprights are headed by gilt-bronze ribbon tied mounts and the Secrétaire terminates in ogee feet with gilt-bronze rosettes, united by a shaped apron centred by a fine fronded acanthus mount.

The fall front is enlivened by a very fine gilt-bronze framed, patinated bronze relief; an allegory of Water, with putti playing with a Dolphin, in the manner of Clodion, possibly after a drawing by Giovanni Battista Cipriani.