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GERMAN LACQUERED PAPIER MACHÉ SNUFF BOX

A GERMAN LACQUERED PAPIER MACHÉ SNUFF BOX PAINTED WITH A PORTRAIT OF APHRODITE ARISING FROM THE SEA,
THE REVERSE OF THE LID PAINTED WITH AN EXPLICIT EROTIC SCENE, THE BASE UNMARKED, MOST PROBABLY
STOBWASSER

CIRCA 1820

SIZE: 9.5CMDIA, 2CMHIGH - 334 INS DIA, 34 INS HIGH

SEE FINCH & CO CATALOGUE NO.12, ITEMNO.65, AND CATALOGUE NO.13, ITEMNO.55, FOR OTHER STOBWASSER BOXES CF: STOBWASSER, DETLEV RICHTER, PRESTEL; 2006 VOL I PG 83

LITERATURE

GEORG SIEGMUND STOBWASSER WAS THE BEST MAKER OF 18TH CENTURY JAPANNED PAPIER MACHÉ BOXES WHICH HE PRODUCED IN BRUNSWICK IN PRUSSIA, GERMANY, FROM 1769 UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1776 WHEN THE BUSINESS CONTINUED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF HIS PARTNERS. THE LARGE CIRCULAR LACQUERED BOXES WERE FINELY DECORATED WITH REPRODUCTIONS OF PAINTINGS OF THE PERIOD AND NEARLY ALWAYS BORE THE STOBWASSER NAME, EXCEPT WHEN THEY WERE MARKETED AND SOLD IN FRANCE.