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GERMAN LACQUERED PAPIER MACHÉ SNUFF BOX BY STOBWASSER

A FINE GERMAN LACQUERED PAPIER MACHÉ SNUFF BOX BY STOBWASSER PAINTED WITH AN EROTIC PORTRAIT OF VENUS ENTITLED TO THE LID 'GEBURT DER VENUS'

MARKED TO THE BASE 'STOBWASSER FABRIK IM BRAUNSCHWEIG' AND NUMBERED 6274

CIRCA 1820

SIZE: 10CM DIA., 2CM HIGH – 4 INS DIA., ¾ INS HIGH

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LITERATURE

VENUS WAS AN ITALIAN GODDESS PARTICULARLY WORSHIPPED IN ROME, WHERE JULIUS CAESAR CLAIMED TO BE HER DESCENDANT THROUGH HIS ANCESTOR AENEAS. IN GRATITUDE FOR HIS MILITARY SUCCESSES, HE DEDICATED A TEMPLE TO HER IN 46 BC AND LAVISHED RICH SPOILS ON IT. THE PAINTING ON THIS SNUFFBOX IS AFTER AN ORIGINAL BY THE FRENCH ARTIST CLAUDE NIGUET CALLED 'LA NAISSANCE DE VENUS'.