

Finch & C^o



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SIZE: 7CM HIGH, 3.2CM WIDE, 6.5CM DEEP - 2¾ INS HIGH, 1¼ INS WIDE, 2½ INS DEEP

LITERATURE

NOTE: THE LAPIS LAZULI 'SEAL' LEFT 'BLANK' / UN-USED. THE EXQUISITE MINIATURE SCULPTURE OF THE ELEPHANT, STANDING UPRIGHT DRESSED IN PARADE BINDINGS OF LEATHER STRAPS WITH LARGE IRON RINGS, SHE RESTS HER TRUNK UPON A LARGE OVAL HERALDIC 'SHIELD' THE QUALITY OF THE THICK GILT AND SOLID CAST BRONZE WOULD SUGGEST THE SEAL WAS INTENDED FOR A PRINCELY 'KUNSTKAMMER' / CABINET OF CURIOUSITIES.

SUPERB OVERALL CONDITION, WITH WONDERFUL COLOUR AND PATINA

PROVENANCE

EX PRIVATE BELGIUM COLLECTION