



## QUARTZ AND GOLD SNUFF BOX WITH ENAMEL AND DIAMOND. ROZET AND FISHMEINSTER, LATE 19TH CENTURY.

Circular quartz snuff box set in a gold and enamel mounting. The hinged lid is embellished with an octagonal medallion featuring a sphinx lying under a star in a royal blue background. The medallion is framed with four rinceaux motifs. The mounting is intricately sculpted with palmettes and accented with blue enamel as well as a band of white enamel. A button decorated with a small diamond serves to open the box. A monogram on the body of the box features the letters GW and is topped with a crown. This snuff box belonged to Mrs. H. Holt, whose family reportedly received the snuff box from a minister of Austria's Emperor Franz Joseph I. Monogrammed gold mark: RNF for Rozet and Fishmeinster. This business was founded in 1770 when a French haberdashery merchant moved to Austria-Hungary. The design house was associated with Franz Karl Fischmeister at the end of the 19th century and became the Imperial supplier for Emperor Franz-Joseph I and his wife Sissi. Diameter: 2.6 in (6.5 cm) Height: 1.3 in (3.3 cm)

Viennese craftsmanship from the late 19th century. Circa 1860-1870.

In 18th century taste.

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Price: 39000€

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