



Late 18th century Tortoiseshell and Gold Box with Miniature

Era: late 18th - early 19th century.

Materials: gold, tortoiseshell, ivory.

Dim: W 2,5 in (6,4 cm)/ D 1,6 in (4 cm)/ H 0.8 in (2 cm)

Eagle hallmark.

Brown tortoiseshell box with gold mounting. The lid is embellished with rinceau and openwork palmettes. These motifs frame a circular miniature on ivory. The miniature, which dates from the late 18th to early 19th century, features five cupids quenching their thirst at a fountain with a dolphin on top. The sides of the box are ringed with gold and accented with rose motifs.