



**Louis XVI GOLD AND TORTOISESHELL BOX WITH MINIATURE, 18TH CENTURY**

Era: Louis XVI period.

Materials: tortoiseshell, gold, vellum.

Dim: diam 3.1 in (8 cm) / H 1.1 in (3 cm).

18th century gold hallmark partially erased.

Large circular box in tortoiseshell and gold decorated with streaks of gold on a blue background (*matière composite*), circled with a Greek frieze; the interior is lined with brown scales. The removable lid is decorated with a miniature on vellum painted in *grisaille* depicting a battle scene from which stand out helmeted characters fighting a rival army. The whole scene is surrounded by mists. The miniature is framed by a frame decorated with stylized laurel leaves and foliage. Circa 1775-1780.