



Louis XVI gold snuff box with miniature on ivory

Era: Louis XVI.

Materials: gold, ivory.

Dim: W 3.38in (8.6 cm)/ P 2.48in (6.3 cm)/ H 1.2in (3.1cm).

Weight: 5.74oz (163 g).

"Fleur de Bassinet" Paris 1768-1774.

Letter date G paris 1770-1771.

Tête d'aigle, 18 ct.

Oval hinged snuffbox entirely lined with gold. The box is streaked all over with yellow and green gold strips and is bordered by a magnificent band with stylised scrolls and flowers. The lid is surmounted by an oval medallion, also surrounded by a gold band, representing a putti in blue Roman dress preparing an offering under the gaze of an angel with spread wings. This scene brings a naivety to the subject in accordance with the sensibility of the time. Goldsmith illegible. Circa 1770-1771.