

Charles X dance card in mother of pearl and bronze, Palais Royal

Era: Charles X.

Materials: mother of pearl, gilt bronze.

Dim: H 3.14 in.(8 cm)/ W 2.20 in. (5,6 cm)/ D 0.70 in. (1,8 cm).

Charles X dance card in mother of pearl and ormolu, embellished with flowers and flowery interlacing. It is engraved with “Souvenir” and decorated with delicate branches and an enamel flower, a typical motif of Palais-Royal objects. These mother-of-pearl plates are set in a gilded bronze frame decorated with floral motifs, stylized foliage and palmetto angles. A pencil allows to close this dance card. The mother-of-pearl dance card are characteristic objects of the early 19th century. It allowed the dancer to remember the order of the dances on the program of the evening and the names of their partners. Circa 1815-1830.

In the 19th century, the **stores of the Palais Royal** in Paris were renowned for their elegance and variety. The galleries of the Palais Royal housed luxury boutiques, offering items such as haute couture clothing, refined accessories and exquisite objets d'art. These establishments were frequented by the high society of the day, attracted by the sophisticated ambience and exclusive products.

Some shops specialized in fashion, offering unique creations designed by the best Parisian couturiers. Others offered luxury items such as jewelry, perfumes and decorative objects. The stores of the Palais Royal were therefore not only places to shop, but also spaces imbued with an aristocratic atmosphere and glamour, contributing to the district's reputation in the heart of Paris.