A very fine Mother of Pearl and Tortoiseshell elliptical Snuff Box. Made most probably in London circa 1780

£975



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Description

This very fine box has an attractive navette form and unusually has a tortoiseshell base and sides, with reeded silver mounts, however the hinged cover is made of mother of pearl. This is the first time we have seen this combination on such a box. The cover is beautifully engraved with Classical designs included bead bands, trellis work, floral and foliate sprays, as well as a central shield shaped cartouche engraved with the contemporary script initials WB. This piece is in excellent condition and the decoration is very crisp.

Length: 3.45 inches, 8.63cm.
Width: 1.85 inches, 4.63cm.
Height: 0.75 inches, 1.88cm.

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