



Silver-gilt Dressing-table Service By Lionel Alfred Crichton, London, 1917



24 000 EUR

Signature : Crichton Brothers

Period : 20th century

Condition : En très bon état général, avec micro rayures et tâches d'oxydation sur le vermeil. légères usures d'usage sur le cuir.

Material : Sterling silver

Length : 67

Height : 17

Depth : 43

Description

George V dressing-table service crafted of silver-gilt, comprising an oblong tray, a large jewel box with detachable velvet lining, two hair brushes, two clothes brushes (one of which made of silk), a comb and a hand mirror, all contained in a fitted red leather covered case.

The border of each piece is chased with strapwork on a matted ground, engraved with an early 18th century style cartouche surrounding a vacant shield. The rich and delicate decoration is composed of naturalistic plants and animal motifs. The jewel box and tray are beautifully embellished with grotesque in Renaissance style, depicting mascarons, animals and foliated scrolls, in a fantastic architectural setting.

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- Maker's mark "LAC" (for silversmith Lionel Alfred Crichton).
- Lion's passant guardant, 1916-1933 (certifying the silver's quality).
- Town mark : leopard's head for London.
- Date letter "b" for 1917.

Dim. case: L:67cm, P:43cm, H:17cm.

Dim. jewel box: L:33,5cm, P:25cm, H:10cm.

Dim. tray: L:45cm, P:34cm.

Dim. mirror: L:9cm, H:25,5cm.

Dim. hair brushes: L:11,3cm, H:27,5cm.

Dim. clothes brushes: L:7cm, H:21cm.

Weighable silver: 164 oz. (5,110 gr.)

Crichton Brothers is an English retail silversmiths and dealers, active at the end of the 19th century and during the first half of the 20th century, specializing in antique silver and fine-quality reproduction silver. Crichton Brothers was founded by Lionel Alfred Crichton at 29 Church Street, Kensington. It had branches also in New York and Chicago.