

Cassapanca Chest Bench Painted Armorial Venetian Trompe-L'oeil
Dolphins

Sold



REF: 11630

Height: 113 cm (44.5")

Width: 126 cm (49.6")

Depth: 42.5 cm (16.7")

Description

A rare, petite, 18th century, venetian, painted armorial, Cassapanca (chest-bench), measures 44½' high, 49½" long.

- Unusual small size, and characteristic of cassapanca's found in Italian Palazzo's from the Renaissance period with striking architectural trompe-l'oeil decoration and a ducal coat of arms incorporating pairs of dolphins. - Striking statement and conversation piece, injecting gravitas into the period or contemporary interior.

- The escutcheon with 'V's' and pairs of dolphins in diagonally opposite quarters. In heraldry the dolphin signifies swiftness, diligence, salvation, charity, and love. The 'V' could refer to the owner's name. - This cassapanca would have been in a public part of the Duke's palazzo, possibly in the entrance or a processional room to remind guests of his status and provide a resting place while they waited to be admitted into a higher status interior. - Museum conservation repairs, see below Provenance : Parisian collection.