

Lot 179



Auction Works of Art & Art Nouveau

Date 15.05.2025, ca. 13:14

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SMALL BRASS CASKET WITH VIRTUES.

attributed to Michel Mann.

Date: Presumably ca. 1610.

Technique: Brass, fire gilded and etched, copper, welded steel.

Description: Rectangular shape on small bun feet mounted with pilaster-like and pierced copper ornaments on the corners and in the centre. The sides and lid with rectangular etched depictions of the virtues, each labelled at the top: Prudentia, Fortitudo, Fides, Caritas, Spes and Temperantia. A village landscape on the base. The lock in the lid with four bolts, the chapel with star ornament. A depiction of the Fama on the inside of the base.

Mark: Inscr. 'Michael Mann' on the ribbon-like lock cover.

Key available. The original lid handle has been lost.

Provenance:

Private collection Lower Rhine.

Literature:

Berger, Ewald: Prunkkassetten. Europäische Meisterwerke aus acht Jahrhunderten. Hanns Schell Collection in Graz, Stuttgart 1998.

For the works by Mich(e)l and Conrad Mann in general, see pp.117-138. For the depiction of virtues, see cat. no.131. For the somewhat varying signatures, see p.131.

Estimate: 6.000 € - 7.000 €; Hammer: 6.500 €

