

Regency Gold, Gemstone and Agate Love Token Brooch, Circa 1820

£445



Description

A Fine Regency Yellow Gold, Gemstone and Agate Love Token Brooch, Circa 1820

A charming and highly personal Regency love-token brooch, dating to circa 1820, crafted in warm yellow gold, probably 15ct. This beautifully expressive jewel is set with a colourful arrangement of stones against an agate ground, creating a refined contrast between the softly banded natural stone and the vivid, jewel-like accents.

Jewellery of this kind was made to carry sentiment as well as ornament. During the Regency period, brooches were often exchanged as tokens of affection, friendship, remembrance, or devotion, with their materials and decorative language chosen to convey a private message between giver and wearer. The combination of gold, agate, and multicoloured stones gives this example both intimacy and visual richness, while the carefully composed design retains the delicate elegance associated with early 19th-century jewellery.

Agate was particularly admired for its naturally varied tones and distinctive formation, and its use here provides a sophisticated backdrop for the coloured stones. The rich yellow-gold mount frames the composition beautifully, lending warmth and a graceful period character to the piece.

A fine example of Regency sentimental jewellery, this brooch would make a thoughtful and wearable addition to a collection of antique love tokens, Georgian and Regency jewellery, or early 19th-century goldwork. Its combination of romantic symbolism, natural agate, and colourful stone setting makes it a distinctive jewel with enduring appeal.

Yellow gold, probably 15ct; agate and multicoloured stones; circa 1820. Please refer to photographs for condition, measurements, details of the pin fitting, and any evidence of later alteration or repair.