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Persian Engraved Pewter and Brass Jewellery Casket, Circa 1900

£75

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Height: 10 cm (3.9")

Width: 26 cm (10.2")

Depth: 14 cm (5.5")

Description

A substantial and richly decorative Persian jewellery casket, dating to circa 1900. Crafted in pewter and embellished with brass, this impressive box has a satisfying weight and presence, reflecting the skilled metalworking traditions of Persia at the turn of the 20th century.

The exterior is extensively engraved with intricate ornamental decoration, its dense patterning giving the casket a wonderfully tactile and architectural quality. Brass details provide a warm contrast against the softer silvery-grey tone of the pewter, emphasising the complexity of the engraved work and adding depth to the overall design. Every surface rewards close inspection, from the carefully worked panels to the decorative borders and finely resolved fittings.

Made to hold jewellery, precious objects, or personal keepsakes, the casket would originally have served as both a practical domestic object and a display of craftsmanship. Its robust construction, generous weight, and elaborate decoration make it a particularly handsome example of Persian decorative metalwork from this period.

Today, it would make an eye-catching addition to a collection of Islamic or Middle Eastern art, antique boxes, and decorative metalwork. Equally, it is a beautiful and useful object for storing jewellery or treasured small items, bringing a sense of history and craftsmanship to a dressing table, desk, or cabinet.

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