

Objects of Virtu / Thursday, 6th August 2020 / Lot 2415



LOT 2415

A late 19th century Continental gilt brass singing bird automaton musical box, the rectangular case with engine turned decoration and stiff leaf borders, the hinged oval cover opening to reveal a pierced grill and feathered bird with moving wings and beak, length 10cm, with key (formerly enamelled).

Estimate: £400 - £600

Condition Report

2415. As mentioned in the description, it would almost certainly have been originally enamelled, but there is no longer any evidence of this. The case has some overall light surface wear and minor scratches. The mechanism is in working order and the bird sings a good chorus. The tail feathers are a tiny bit frayed.

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