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LOT 2525

A fine mid-19th century French rosewood and brass inlaid artist's box by Deforge & Carpentier of Paris, circa 1856-1863, the hinged lid with central brass inlaid crowned initials 'SM' within line borders and finely engraved brass corner crestings, the interior fully fitted with a bird's eye maple palette and a removable tray containing plated metal mixing dishes, ceramic and glass dishes and six brass topped bottles, the front and both sides fitted with drawers containing charcoal, watercolour cakes, a set of eighteen brass topped glass paint bottles by Deforge & Carpentier, watercolour paper and a hinged slope, bearing engraved maker's name to lock plate, width 47cm. Note: this box may relate to Sophie Marie, Duchess of Baden.

Estimate: £600 - £1,000

Condition Report

2525. General condition and appearance of the box is good.

Few small sections of brass inlay stuck down, in particular the key escutcheon on the lower drawer, which has some minor glue residue around the edges.

The lid has a very minor warp to the left side. Minor scratches and scuffs to exterior.

The maple palette is cracked to the edge in two places, as is the maple lining to the interior of lid.

The side drawer bases are a little loose and sometimes catch as you close them, but generally the condition is very good.

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