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ANTIQUES / FINE ART



**Significant Louis XV Cylinder Bureau with Colorful Inlay Intarsia**

103 x 80 cm  
40.5511811023622 x 40.5511811023622"

LOUIS XV

103 x 80 x 50 cm (40 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 31 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches)

Stamped under the frame: ROUSSEL JME

Violet wood, rosewood, maple, ebony, amaranth, chinoiserie inlay

Extendable leather writing drawer

Shelf with playing card inlay

Three drawers for inkwell and grinder

Three frieze drawers

Cabriole legs with satyr masks

Pierre Roussel, who obtained his master craftsman's license in Paris in 1745 and held a number of prestigious positions from 1760 onwards, was one of the best and most sought-after cabinet makers in Paris during his time. Between 1775 and 1780, he also worked for the Prince de Condé, competing with Leleu. He worked equally for French aristocrats and princes outside France.

**Literature:**

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Dijon 2012, p. 172, pp. 179 - 180