

# koopman rare art



**Charles Le Bastier**

**French Vari-Colour Oval Gold Box**

Gold

Paris, 1778-9

Maker's mark of Charles Le Bastier

Width: 8.8 cm, 3 ½ in.

Weight: 126 gr., 4.05 oz.

Of oval form, adorned throughout with vari-colour gold applied decoration. The cover featuring a central cartouche depicting musical attributes set within a landscape against a chased background and surrounded by a foliate border, the sides also with small oval cartouches of musical instruments surmounted by tied ribbons.

## **Artist description:**

Charles le Bastier was apprentice to Gabriel Vouigny at the age of fourteen and six months. On 16th December 1754 he is registered as a resident in Paris on the rue Thevenot working for the master Jean Moynat. Charles le Bastier was officially recorded as a goldsmith in 1751. His work can be found in some of the most important collections including the Louvre, Victoria & Albert Museum, one of which was bequeathed by George Michael and The Royal Collection.