



Islamic Art - Property of a European Collector Part II (29 Oct 2021 B)

Fri, 29th Oct 2021

Viewing:

Viewings at our Chiswick Saleroom

Fri 22 Oct, 10am to 5pm

Sat 23 Oct, 11am to 4.30pm

Mon 25 Oct, 10am to 5pm

Tue 26 Oct, 10am to 5pm

Wed 27 Oct, 10am to 5pm

Thurs 28 Oct, 10am to 5pm

Lot 256

Estimate: £1000 - £1500 + Fees

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Persian manuscript on paper, 42ff. plus four fly leaves, each folio with 24ll. of black ink Persian light *shikasteh nasta'liq* script, significant words in red, the opening bifolio with illuminated headings, 10 folios with illustrations of couples in Qajar interiors, in opaque watercolours, catchwords, library stamps including Jenab, Ghahraman, Feizullah, and Abdul Raji Mohammad Hassan, in a lacquer binding, the outer covers with *gol-o-bolbol* design on a buff ground, bordered horizontally by lines of poetry in white regarding heavenly angels of both genders, the interiors with flowering narcissi on a red ground, the text panel 21cm x 10cm, the folio 24.8cm x 13.5cm.

Despite the very direct and often repetitive illustrations, the emphasis of this erotic manuscript weighs on the importance of good manners, the choice of good company, personal hygiene, and thorough grooming, as well as an understanding of the body's anatomy and synchrony. Most interestingly, although the text is clearly directed at a male audience, the narrative often describes matters from the female point of view.

Qty: 1

Dimensions: the text panel 21cm x 10cm, the folio 24.8cm x 13.5cm