



## 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 201

**Estimate:** £600 - £800 + Fees

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PROPERTY FROM AN IMPORTANT EUROPEAN PRIVATE COLLECTION

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Of oval shape, resting on a flat oval base, with everted rim, gilt and painted in polychrome enamels, the centre depicting a dear *topos* in Persian literature extracted from Jami's *Haft Awrang* tale of *Yusuf o Zuleykha*, the golden haloed Yusuf entering the room with a basin and water ewer to allow Zuleykha and the maidens to wash their hands after cutting the oranges, the whole female crowd mesmerised by Yusuf's beauty, all female gazes directed to the standing Yusuf (Joseph) here depicted as a member of the Qajar court wearing a pink tunic with encrusted gold *bazubands* and a light green turban, only one lady reclined in the foreground looking away from the scene's focus and straight at us, engaging the beholder's attention and focus, the scene set in a typical Qajar courtly interior, providing a powerful fresco of the interior design and female fashion in 19th-century Iran, the back with a tranquil Western-inspired riverside view livened by architectural clusters, the group of buildings on the left reminiscent of Italian Renaissance views with basilicas, the group on the right with minarets, around the edges on both sides cusped cartouches filled with lush pink roses and foliage against a gilt dotted cobalt blue-enamelled ground, 16cm x 12cm x 1.5cm.

For a similar composition on a different media (lacquer) once part of the same collection, please see these Rooms, 22 April 2020, lot 144.

Qty: 1

Dimensions: 16cm x 12cm x 1.5cm