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An exceptional and rare large sycamore 'Apostle' tankard, attributed to Samuel Halvorsen Fanden (1629 - 1675)

£16,000



REF: 5664

Height: 24 cm (9.4")

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Width: 25 cm (9.8")

Depth: 17 cm (6.7")

Description

The body decorated with carved apostles standing in arches, below a hinged lid, the top of which decorated with a carved annunciation scene. The carved handle with inset ebony cabochons.

Later turned ebony feet.

Norway, Circa 1660s.

Provenance: The Legh family, Adlington Hall, Cheshire (final image)

A similar example can be found at the Norsk Folkemuseum, Oslo. Also, another tankard of a very similar form also attributed to the workshop of Samuel Halvorsen Fanden was sold at Sotheby's London, lot 65, on 06/12/2011 with an estimate of £20,000 - £30,000.

Located just outside Macclesfield, Adlington Hall is one of the stateliest mansions of Cheshire and remained the ancestral residence of the Legh family from c.1310 until its sale this year.

The great hall, constructed in the county's traditional 'black-and-white' timber-framed style, was built in the mid-15th century, with later additions having been made both to the hall and its contents - including the organ (famously played by Handel in the 17th century), the Georgian façade added in the 18th century, as well as the remarkable collection of items acquired by the Legh family through the ages.

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