

19TH CENTURY ITALIAN BAROQUE CARVED AND PAINTED CASSAPANCA STORAGE BENCH

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Crafted in Italy circa 1820, this colorful antique cassapanca bench combines the elegance of Italian Baroque design with the practicality of a storage chest. The two-seat bench features a tall, elaborately shaped backrest adorned with hand-painted scrollwork, acanthus leaves, and floral motifs in a rich blue, gold, and cream palette.

The back is centered with a large heraldic shield depicting a rearing lion beneath a shooting star, surrounded by sweeping carved volutes and decorative flourishes. The painted decoration continues across the front apron, featuring intricate scrolling foliage, delicate floral sprays, and scalloped edges. The contrasting blue panels and warm gilt accents create a striking decorative effect.

The hinged wooden seat lifts to reveal a spacious interior compartment, ideal for storing blankets, linens, or other household essentials. The original painted finish has developed a beautiful patina, enhancing the character and authenticity of this early 19th-century piece.

The cassapanca, meaning "chest-bench" in Italian, originated during the Renaissance as a combination of seating and storage furniture. Often decorated with family crests, elaborate carvings, and painted ornamentation, these distinctive benches were traditionally placed in grand entrance halls and reception rooms.

The antique bench is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, retaining its richly patinated hand-painted finish. A wonderful addition to an entryway, hallway, or living room.

Dimensions: 39.25"W x 13.5"D x 40.5"H.

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