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Cartier-Attributed Retro Gold & Synthetic Sapphire Cocktail Ring, Paris, Circa 1940

£1,250

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Description

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A bold and elegant 18ct yellow gold Retro cocktail ring, attributed to Cartier, Paris, circa 1940. The sculptural setting centres on a large synthetic cabochon sapphire of intense blue colour, creating a striking contrast with the warmth of the richly polished yellow gold.

The generous, rounded cabochon and confident scale are characteristic of the glamour and exuberance associated with the French Retro period. Created during the 1940s, when Parisian jewellers embraced strong silhouettes, sweeping forms, and dramatic coloured stones, rings of this type were conceived as miniature works of sculpture-designed to make an impression from across a room.

Although the ring is unsigned and its inventory marks have worn with time, it was acquired from a gentleman whose father worked in the Paris workshops. The attribution is further supported by well-documented Cartier examples of closely comparable design. The use of a synthetic sapphire is entirely in keeping with the period: these beautifully coloured stones were favoured by leading jewellers for their clarity, durability, and vivid presence.

A highly wearable and characterful jewel, this ring is an exceptional example of 1940s French design. It would make a distinguished addition to a Cartier-focused collection, a collection of Retro jewellery, or a wardrobe seeking an unmistakably glamorous statement piece.

UK Ring Size: K1/2

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