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Georgian Steel and Citrine Hat Pin, Circa 1790

£45

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Description

A rare and elegant Georgian steel hat pin, set with a single large circular-cut citrine and dating to circa 1790. Refined in its simplicity, the jewel allows the exceptional warm golden colour and lively faceting of the citrine to take centre stage.

The stone is held in a carefully made steel setting, a material admired during the late 18th century for its polished, light-catching surface and its ability to provide a restrained yet effective contrast to coloured gemstones. The long, slender pin was intended to secure a hat, cap, or elaborate hairstyle, while also serving as an understated expression of personal style.

Jewellery of this kind captures the distinctive elegance of the Georgian period: practical in purpose, beautifully considered in construction, and enriched by a single element of colour and sparkle. The large citrine has a particularly appealing presence, its circular cut catching the light from every angle and giving the piece a warm, luminous character.

A fine and increasingly uncommon survivor from the late 18th century, this hat pin would make a striking addition to a collection of Georgian jewellery, antique costume accessories, or early coloured-stone pieces. It may also be displayed as a small but exceptionally characterful object in its own right.

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