

Belle Epoque 18ct gold diamond set locket

£3,950



Description

A fine Belle Époque 18ct gold diamond set locket with diamond bow suspender on a gold guard chain, circa 1910.

Belle Époque jewellery (c. 1890-1914) embodied elegance, romance, and technical mastery. This era, flourishing in France during the "Beautiful Age," emphasised lightness and refinement.

Jewellers like Cartier and Boucheron crafted delicate pieces with platinum, a newly popular metal that allowed airy, lace-like designs. Diamonds and natural pearls dominated, often arranged in garlands, bows, and floral motifs inspired by Rococo and neoclassical art. Festoon necklaces, tiaras, and brooches were particularly fashionable.

Belle Époque jewellery reflected wealth, optimism, and social glamour before World War I. Its timeless femininity continues to inspire collectors, bridging luxury craftsmanship with artistic, historical significance.