

WINTER SELECTION – DECEMBER 2009

FROM KEITH HARDING'S

A SELECTION FROM OUR LARGE STOCK OF

ANTIQUÉ MUSICAL BOXES

FOR DISCERNING COLLECTORS WHO WANT THE BEST

Our antique musical boxes are internationally renowned for the exceptionally high quality of their appearance and their musical performance. Carefully selected for their potential quality, they are then put into the most superb possible condition in our world famous workshops. Most of the items listed below are ready for immediate dispatch to our satisfied customers in all parts of the world. All prices are inclusive, and every effort is made to give really good value and service.

N.B. The prices given below are for choice items from our own stock, and must NOT be used as a price guide for buying similar items elsewhere. Prices are subject to alteration, or items may be withdrawn from sale, without notice.

Cylinder Musical Boxes

M2421 A GOOD BLUE LABEL EIGHT AIR BOX BY NICOLE FRERES

A classic" blue label" eight air musical box by Nicole Freres of Geneva, the serial number 37337 c.1861, the gamme number 1750, popular programme and excellent tone and musical arrangements, 33cm cylinder 97 teeth, lever-wound, with an inner glass lid and an exceptionally beautiful floral marquetry on the top £3,950

M2417. A GOOD PVF EIGHT AIR *TREMOLLO" IN SUPERB CASE.

A good antique lever wound musical box by Paillard Vaucher Fils (PVF) of Ste. Croix, the original colored tune card headed "tremolo" referring to the special arrangement and listing a good programme of eight airs, some by Sullivan, as pinned on a cylinder 33 cm long, the serial number 12311 corresponding to a date of manufacture of 1883, contained in a fruitwood case with a domed lid, veneered with panels of rich burr walnut edged with ebony banding and fine boxwood lines, and with ornate molded brass drop handles. Fully restored, playing well, a bargain at an inclusive price of only £3,500

M2373 NICOLE FRERES EIGHT AIRS ORATORIO BOX

A good eight air Nicole Frères playing a programme mainly of oratorios as listed on the original tune card and pinned on a 33cm cylinder, serial number 40356 c.1864, contained in a beautifully proportioned case 52cm wide, the rosewood lid with a good ornamental marquetry in coloured woods and some blue and red enamel, with flowers on a light wood cartouche in the centre, and a red interior. **SOLD**

M2355. TWELVE-AIR DRUMS, BELLS AND CASTANETS MUSICAL BOX

Twelve airs including one from Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance*, 33cm cylinder, colorful tune card, six beater snare drum, five tuned, polished bells and a six beater castanet, no. 20676, lid and front rosewood cross banded in tulip wood, lid inlaid with marquetry flower, ornate drop handles. fully overhauled **SOLD**

M2354. A SUPERB DAWKINS "ORATORIO" MUSICAL BOX

A high quality musical box bearing an original coloured tune card of Dawkins listing a good programme of eight well arranged oratorios from Elijah, Creation, Judas Maccabaeus and others, as pinned on a large 38.5cm cylinder. The movement has the typical embossed Dawkins comb washers and the sphinx trademark stamped on the top plate of the governor, and is contained in a superb case, the rosewood panels surrounded by broad tulip wood crass banding and boxwood lines and the lightly domed lid centered with a garland in marquetry of coloured woods. £3,950

M2371 TEN AIRS HARPE PICCOLO BY CHARLES ULLMANN

A two comb "Harpe Piccolo" musical box playing ten popular airs as listed on the original tune card of Charles Ullmann no. 6100, and played by a 33cm. cylinder, in a case with rosewood veneered lid inlaid with marquetry in coloured woods. £2,750

M2356. DAWKINS EIGHT AIR BUFFET STYLE MUSICAL BOX

Eight well known popular airs including *The Mikado*, 26cm. original written tune card, serial number 38030 c.1888, vertically mounted in two door burr walnut cabinet with tulip wood banding edged with boxwood. £3,950

M2419. A SMALL EIGHT AIR BHA WITH ROYAL COAT OF ARMS

An antique musical box by B. H. Abrahams of Ste. Croix, with their colored tune card under the lid listing eight attractive tunes as pinned on a small cylinder 6cm x 4.4cm and shown on a tune indicator, in a grained fruitwood case with transfer printing of a Royal coat of arms on the lid as is surprisingly usual on BHA boxes. £1,975

M2360 A DELIGHTFUL SMALL SIX AIR LANGDORFF

A small six operatic airs musical box with an original tune card by Langdorff of Geneva, no. 8533, circa 1860, 15cm. cylinder, the rosewood lid bearing a mandolin in marquetry of coloured woods with the strings in inlaid brass wire. £1,975

M2418. AN EARLY 4 AIR LEVERWOUND BOX BY ALLEZ & BERGUIER

A good quality small musical box with a good operatic programme, as listed on the original tune card of Allez & Berguier, Geneva, (1820 – 1840) and pinned on a 15cm cylinder. Although there is an end flap over the controls at the left hand end there is no hole for a key, and it is actually wound with a lever at the left hand under the inner glass lid, which makes it a rare intermediate between key and lever wind. The case has a red interior. The rosewood lid is inlaid with an intricate brass cartouche with coloured enamel

pieces. This box has a glorious sound and wonderful musical arrangement which make it a joy to listen to. We are very tempted to keep it. £3,500

M2250. NICOLE FRÈRES EIGHT-AIR DRUM, BELLS AND CASTANETS

Eight popular airs with drum, 6 bells and castanets, large cylinder 41cm. long, serial number 44197, c.1870, In a good case, the rosewood lid and front with tulip wood banding and boxwood lines, and with excellent floral marquetry designs in coloured woods. Fully overhauled £5,950

S1249. TWO-AIR BORDIER MUSICAL SNUFF BOX

A beautiful tortoiseshell two air **musical snuff box** signed **M. Bordier**, number 2057, Geneva c.1850, with a perfect comb and in an undamaged case, with superb musical arrangements. Fully overhauled £2,500

M2344. CROWN DEVON FIELDINGS “JOHN PEEL” MUSICAL JUG £195

M2361 CROWN DEVON FIELDINGS “AULD LANG SYNE” JUG £195

M2362 CROWN DEVON FIELDINGS “WIDDICOMBE FAIR” JUG £195

M2395 CROWN DEVON TOBY JUG “TAVERN IN THE TOWN” £125

S1308. NICOLE FRÈRES KEY WIND FORTE PIANO MUSICAL BOX

Key wound forte piano musical box, four airs, (gamme 946) serial number 36550 Geneva c.1859, cylinder 33cm, original key, end flap over controls, very attractive case with good marquetry lid incorporating a marbled panel. Fully overhauled £3,950

S1313. PAILLARD EIGHT AIR WITH DRUM, BELLS AND CASTANETS.

Antique musical box playing eight airs with a 30cm. cylinder, a nine beater snare drum, six engine-turned bells, a nine beater wood block or castanet and a zither attachment. The movement has a serial number 46864, and was made by Paillard of Ste. Croix, c. 1885. There is a good floral marquetry design in coloured woods on the rosewood lid, and a formal marquetry design in coloured woods on the front. £4,750

S1331. A LOVELY SMALL SIX AIR BY GEORGE BAKER, GENEVA.

Six airs listed on original tune card by George Baker, Geneva, mo.16017 circa 1894, nickel plated movement on silver bed plate, lid an front rosewood with broad tulip banding and boxwood lines, lid with marquetry musical trophies, front with good transfer

decoration, box left in attractively faded condition. Exquisite! £2,750

Interchangeable Cylinder Boxes

S1311 A MAGNIFICENT NICOLE FRÈRES INTERCHANGEABLE ON TABLE

An antique interchangeable cylinder musical box by Nicole Frères, the serial number 45207, made in Geneva c.1875, with 159 teeth in two combs on a ribbed brass bed plate, the six large interchangeable cylinders measuring 41cm x 6.4cm, playing six tunes each in a mandolin arrangement, the case veneered in rosewood, the lid and three sides surrounded by tulipwood banding edged with boxwood, the lid and front centered with high quality marquetry cartouches in coloured woods with human figures in country scenes, the one on the lid over a pewter and brass scalloped shell, on a beautiful table with panels of high quality burr walnut veneer, edged with boxwood lines and surrounded with ebony banding, with cabriole legs and a drawer for the cylinders,.

This is an outstanding piece for someone who wants the best quality from the top maker.

Price, fully restored by our own world famous team of craftsmen

£25,000

Disc Musical Boxes

M2333. TABLE POLYPHON STYLE 41 WITH TEN DISCS 8½”

Table **Polyphon** style 41, 41 teeth in the comb, lever wound, rectangular walnut case, incised floral decoration on lid, colourful lithograph inside of a castle on the Rhine, with ten discs 20.7 cm (8½”), more readily available. Fully overhauled

£1,750

M2403. SUPERB, RARE AND IMPORTANT “AUTOGLOCKENPOLYPHON”

This amazing coin operated instrument has a wonderful tone, and is an outstandingly good example of the very rare and impressive autochange Polyphon Style 5K. There are 118 teeth in the music combs plus sixteen orchestra bells. The “K” stands for “klangplatten”, the German word for the bar type orchestra bells. The rack at the bottom of the case holds ten music discs 22½” (56cm) in diameter, which can be selected at will by moving a lever on the front of the instrument until a pointer indicates the name of the desired tune on one of the ten program cards displayed. The only other example of this model we have seen was given the name “autoglockenpolyphon” by its owner, the late Bruce Angrave, and was featured in the radio serial “The Archers”, being restored for The Bull public house by Walter Gabriel. The very attractive walnut case is complete with its original pediment. This instrument has been restored to perfection, and is currently performing at **The World of Mechanical Music** at a very reasonable asking price for such a rare and superb instrument

£25,000

M2357. TABLE MODEL REGINA WITH TEN DISCS 15½”

Table model style **Regina**” with 76 teeth in the comb in a superb mahogany case with a domed lid and mouldings played by 15½ inch diameter music discs, Regina or Polyphon, (ten supplied with the instrument) made at Rahway, New Jersey c.1900. Fully overhauled and playing with the lovely tone associated with instruments by this maker

£3,500

M2170. RARE 19 5/8” DISC TABLE POLYPHON ON AN ORIGINAL STAND

A rare 50cm. disc table **Polyphon**, with two combs consisting of 118 tuned teeth as in the upright model, in a superb case with carved mouldings, shaped figured walnut panels and a floral marquetry panel on the lid. This beautiful instrument stands on its original table, with four turned legs at the corners supporting shelves for the discs. Ten good antique discs are supplied with the instrument, which has been fully overhauled to perfection by our craftsmen. Price, inclusive £8,500.00

M2399. TABLE POLYPHON “SUBLIME HARMONY PICCOLO” MODEL

Antique table **POLYPHON** style 45, the popular two combs **SUBLIME HARMONY PICCOLO** model, made in Leipzig circa 1900, in a superb walnut case with carved mouldings and with a floral marquetry panel on the lid, played by steel music discs, each 15½ inches in diameter. £4,750.00

M2302 / S1248. UPRIGHT COIN OPERATED POLYPHON, TEN DISCS 19½”

An upright coin operated **Polyphon**, 118 teeth, Style 104, supplied with ten discs each 19½” (50cm.) diameter, in a walnut case complete with coin drawer and original pediment. This is a superb instrument in lovely condition. Fully overhauled £9,500
A beautiful matching disc storage bin of the correct pattern, specially made and polished to match, is available for the above instrument only £1,500

S1304. “ROCOCCO” TABLE SYMPHONION, TEN DISCS 11 7/8 “

A fine example of the sought after "**Roccoco**" table **Symphonion**, playing on a total of 84 teeth, diametrically arranged on two combs - the “sublime harmony” arrangement in a simulated carved walnut case in perfect condition with brass claw feet, printed silk picture under the lid with a green plush surround. It plays discs 30 cm diameter, and ten good discs are supplied with the instrument, further discs being available to the purchaser from stock, fully overhauled. £4,500

M2406. AUTOCHANGE POLYPHON

Autochange Polyphon style 4, with a rack of ten 50cm discs selected at will, 118 notes on the combs. In a beautiful walnut case, in superb condition £15,000

M2420 SNALL EDELWEISS DISC MUSICAL BOX

A small antique “Edelweiss” disc musical box with ten serrated edge drive discs each 4½ inches in diameter, by Thorens of Ste. Croix, in a shallow wooden box with grained sides and a monochrome Victorian print on the lid in good original condition £950

M2336. TABLE SYMPHONION STYLE 2N WITH TEN DISCS 8½”

Table **Symphonion** style 2N, with 60 teeth arranged in two opposite combs, in an attractive panelled walnut case with a coloured Symphonion lithograph under the lid, supplied with ten discs each 20.7 cm (8½”), £2,500

AUTOMATA

S1320. A GILT METAL AND ENAMEL SINGING BIR BOX

A good example of a singing bird box as supplied by Reuge of Ste. Croix, Switzerland, who took over the old firm of Bontems formerly in Paris, this one in a gilt case with deep blue enamel panels all around the case surrounded with white enamel, and with a framed picture on the lid. Fully overhauled to a high standard by our craftsmen.

Price, inclusive

SOLD

M2402 GILT FILIGREE SINGING BIRD BOX BY KARL GREISBAUM

A gilt filigree decorated singing bird box by Karl Greisbaum of Triberg in the Black Forest, circa 1930, model 19, the most popular model

£2,250

M/2303. BONTEMS SINGING BIRD IN A CAGE, COIN OPERATED

Antique singing bird in a gilded rococo cage 21 inches high, by Bontems, Pariis 1890, coin operated movement , the water gilded square base with burnished banding, with canted corners and applied gesso flowers, with coin drawer.

£4,950

S1318. A GOOD WHITE FACED CLOWN WITH MANDOLIN BY LAMBERT

An antique two air musical automaton made by Leopold Lambert of Paris, in the form of a white faced Pierrot playing a mandolin. As the music plays, he sways from side to side and moves his hand over the strings.

The winding key is pierced to form the initials "LB", which stand for Leopold Lambert himself, and also his wife, Eugenie Maria Bourgeois, whom he married in 1876, and who was a seamstress by trade. She was a very important part of the business, as she dressed the automata her husband created.

This automaton still has his original white silk trouser suit and hat. The coat and trousers are trimmed with lace, also pink silk ribbon and bobbles. He has a pink silk cummerbund, and pink socks, with white shoes. He stands on a square red plush covered base which contains the musical movement, and is 20 inches high.

The back of the porcelain head bears the impressed marks "TBJ", number "225", and place of manufacture, "Paris". The markings are part of the letters SFBJ, which stand for Societe Francaise de Fabrication de Bebes et Jouets, a company formed in 1899. "225" is a rare character mould.

The tunes played are "Valencia" & "on the Riviera".

There is a label on the base bearing the retailer's name and address as follows, "Au Nain Bleu, G. Fauvet, Paris".

Price, inclusive

£3,9500

S1319. WHITE KITTEN IN A MILK CHURN BY ROULLET ET DECAMPS

An antique automaton in the form of a white kitten in a milk churn, made by Roullet et Decamps, Paris, circa 1890. When the lid is removed and the start knob is pulled out, the kitten rises to the sound of the musical movement, and sticks his tongue out several times before descending.

£3,500

M2276. GLASS DOME WITH ROCKING SHIP, MILLS AND TRAIN

A 19th century musical automaton scene, rocking ship, water wheel, wind mill, train going over bridge, under glass dome painted with lakes and hills.

£2,750.

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