

Glassware / Wednesday, 1st June 2022 / Lot 1720



LOT 1720

A rare Murano illuminated glass indoor water fountain, designed by Barbini, mid-20th century, the circular dished reservoir top encased with curved green tinted leaf moulded massello glass sections hiding lights, supporting a central urn above a rotating coloured filter, the urn flanked by four winged figures representing the Seasons, enclosed in a circle of pink tulip flowerhead jets on a metal base, the tapered column stand also illuminated, with gilt metal collar, and formed from the same green tinted leaf moulded massello glass sections, raised on a square black base with four gilt feet, overall height approximately 120cm.

Provenance: the fountain was purchased by the current owner's father in the late 1960s from the original purchaser, who had it shipped to this country. Note: the fountain is in full working order; watch a video of it in action by [clicking here](#).

Estimate: £4,000 - £6,000

Condition Report

The fountain is in great condition overall.

It is on view at the saleroom but not in action. A video of it in action can be viewed via our website. It is in full working order (as can be seen in the video).

One of the figures has a small chip to one of the flower petals at its feet.

One of the panels fitted to the base section has an insignificant chip to the base end, only noticeable on close inspection.

A number of spares are to be sold with the lot, including 2 sections of outer glass for the bowl reservoir, a section of glass for the base section and six spare pink tulip flower heads, one of these spare flower heads has a chipped leaf.

The current owners of the fountain have a great deal of experience in assembling and disassembling it and have said they are happy to advise of the best way to tackle these tasks should the new owner or carriers require some assistance.