

Wristwatches and Pocket Watches / Thursday, 22nd May 2025 / Lot 1007



### LOT 1007

A mid-18th century silver pair cased keywind open faced gentleman's pocket watch, the gilt fusee movement with verge escapement and pierced and engraved foliate scroll balance cock, the backplate detailed 'Thos Best London 17381', the silvered dial with Roman hour numerals and outer Arabic minutes, the centre signed 'Best London', the plain inner case hallmarked London 1763, the outer case repoussé decorated with a classical scene within a scroll and floral border, unmarked, case diameter 4.1cm, outer case diameter 5cm (some faults). Note: Thomas Best is a recorded London watchmaker, working pre-1761 to 1790, known for producing watches for the Dutch market.

Estimate: £200 - £400

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### Condition Report

1007. Movement in good clean condition, winds smoothly and is currently running but please be aware we give no guarantees to working order or reliability of any clock or watch.

Dial generally good with typical surface scratches and wear, but no obvious significant damage.

The case has a lead repair where the stem attaches and is missing its bow. The repair shows the lead to interior and an unsightly split/tear to exterior. Case back has numerous small dents, typical scratches and wear, and a lead repair around the winding hole. Hinge has also been repaired and has a brass pin. Glass front closes tightly. Outer repoussé case generally good, with typical surface scratches and wear. Closes tightly.

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