



Art Nouveau Dutch or German Mantle Clock with Inlaid Floral Decoration c.1900

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£1,800

PERIOD	20th Century , 1900-1909
YEAR	1900
STYLE	Art Nouveau
ORIGIN	United Kingdom
MATERIALS	Brass
DIMENSIONS	H: 6.69 in (17 cm) W: 5.63 in (14.3 cm) D: 2.48 in (6.3 cm)
CONDITION	Good

About this piece

An **Art Nouveau mantle clock** in the *Nieuwe Kunst* or *Jugendstil* style, with inlaid floral decoration, brass dial, and probable French 8-day pendulum movement.

This **Art Nouveau mantle clock** was produced around 1900, reflecting the transitional idiom between *Dutch Nieuwe Kunst* and *German Jugendstil* design (1895 – 1910). The **oak case** is tapering in form, inlaid with scrolling **floral marquetry**, and raised on boot-shaped feet beneath an arched base.

The **brass dial** is engraved with stylised Arabic numerals arranged within circular reserves radiating from a central flowerhead, the pattern balanced by slender hands of matching metal. The controlled geometry of the design evokes the decorative rationalism characteristic of continental Art Nouveau workshops, in which linear ornament and botanical imagery were resolved into unified composition.

Within, the clock houses a probable **French 8-day pendulum-regulated movement**, fitted with an adjustable disc to the pendulum base for time regulation. The mechanism is accessed through a rear oak door, the interior retaining original pencilled markings consistent with early-twentieth-century service inscriptions.