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## JEWEL CABINET

FRENCH, 1562, WOOD, LIMOGES ENAMELED PLAQUES.

CABINET—H: 25 1/2"; W: 28"; D: 14 3/4"

CERES PLAQUE—H: 2"; W: 1 1/2"

Ceres, the goddess of agriculture, is one of the mythological figures depicted by artist Jean de Court on this opulent jewel cabinet. The goddess's shimmering cobalt blue garment emphasizes the pale luminescence of her face. The artist, famous for creating gem-like tones in his enamel work, signed and dated several of the plaques. Among those represented in enamel are Achilles, Apollo, Hercules, Deianira, Nessus, Venus, Adonis, and Cupid. The cabinet, designed to resemble an architectural structure, is decorated in Venetian style, with swirling gold lines painted on a black background. This surface treatment lends a gleam to the wood that echoes the shine and sparkle of the enamels, which were produced by heat-fusing a ground glass-like substance onto metal supports.