



Gordon Russell Grandfather Clock

Ref: PV003718

Price on Application

MAKER	Gordon Russell
DESIGNER	Gordon Russell
PERIOD	Arts & Crafts Movement , 1920-1929
YEAR	1927
STYLE	Arts and Crafts
ORIGIN	United Kingdom
MATERIALS	Oak
DIMENSIONS	H: 80.71 in (205 cm)
CONDITION	Good

About this piece

Designed by **Gordon Russell** and made at the Russell Workshops, this longcase clock in **English brown oak** aligns to the *Arts and Crafts* movement (c.1880 to c.1930), **1927**.*

The case is tall, narrow and architectural, with a quiet strength typical of Russell's better interwar work. The lower plinth is stepped and chamfered at the front corners, rising into a long panelled door framed by vertical stiles and restrained moulded edges. The door has a gently arched upper rail, giving a softer rhythm to an otherwise clean rectilinear case.

Above, the hood is formed with sloping shoulders and a shaped crest, the circular dial set within a simple brass bezel. The front panel around the dial is arranged with angled grain, giving the clock face a composed cabinetmaker's frame.

The dial is signed "The Russell Workshops, Broadway, Worcs" and has Roman numerals, a minute track and a subsidiary seconds dial.** The centre is engraved with stylised flowering stems and leaves, giving the clock a delicate decorative focus against the plain oak case. The clock has four chime settings, including "Westminster," "Whittington," "Chime," and "Silent."

The movement is housed behind the dial with brass-coloured wheelwork, chime rods, pulleys and cylindrical weights. An additional paper label to the back reads "Barnby, Bendall & Co. Ltd., Depository, Cheltenham," with the handwritten reference "Wakeman 221."***

References / Provenance

* Original Gordon Russell paper label to the back records: design number 27, by Gordon Russell, foreman Edgar Turner, cabinet maker F. Shilton, metal worker A. Fry, timber used English brown oak, 18.10.1927.

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