



Nineteenth Empire Mantel Clock



1 500 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 27 cm

Height : 33 cm

Depth : 10 cm

Description

Royal Antique proudly presents this refined fireplace clock, crafted in the transitional Directoire-Empire style, which aimed at a simpler, but still elegant, evocation of the virtues of the ancient Roman Empire, while the Empire style brought a full return to ostentatious wealth. The use of gilded bronze reached its peak in the early nineteenth century in France, as it was cheaper than gold or silver, making it the material of choice for clock cases, ornamental elements, candelabras, and furniture ornaments. Bronze was the main material used in Empire style watches, and patina and gilded bronze techniques were widely used for ornamentation during this period. However, thanks to the skill of remarkable bronziers and chisellers, these objects are not only timepieces but become objects of art. Figural

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Allegory and Design:Winged Victory Figure: The clock features a striking gilt bronze figure of a winged classical female, an allegory of Victory or Fame, poised gracefully to the left of the clock dial. She is elegantly draped and embodies the classical ideals of the period.

Naval/Military Trophies: To the right of the dial, a finely rendered pile of military and naval attributes is displayed, including a globe surmounted by a flag, an anchor, and a shield with an image of Medusa. These elements symbolize triumph and power.

Enamelled Dial: The white enamel dial is clearly visible and is signed "Lieutaud et Degren", indicating the esteemed makers. It features Roman numerals for the hours and blued steel hands, surrounded by a laurel wreath.

Classical Base: The clock rests on a rectangular gilt bronze base, richly decorated with classical motifs, including a central medallion depicting a classical bust surrounded by scrolling foliage and military trophies, echoing the themes above. The base is supported by decorative circular feet with scrolling patterns.

This clock is a testament to the artistic and stylistic characteristics of the Directoire-Empire period, blending precision horology with rich symbolic narratives. It would make a valuable addition to any discerning collector's home, adding a touch of historical elegance and sophistication to any interior.