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Nineteenth Empire Mantel Clock



3 000 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 31 cm

Height : 43 cmk

Depth : 9 cm

Description

Royal Antique is honored to present this truly exceptional chandelier, a magnificent testament to the enduring allure of classical artistry and opulent design. Evoking the breathtaking grandeur of historical European palaces, this piece is particularly reminiscent of the lavish Rococo and Neo-classical revival styles prevalent in the late 19th century, drawing inspiration from earlier Baroque and Louis XIV aesthetics. Crafted from meticulously chased and chiseled bronze, its entire surface is sumptuously coated in a radiant 24-carat gold plating, ensuring a captivating and enduring luster that immediately commands attention. Architectural Scale and Exquisite Detailing: Impressive Illumination: The architectural integrity of this spectacular luminary is underscored by its impressive scale, featuring

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an abundant 21 lights distributed gracefully across three distinct tiers. This configuration promises to bathe any grand interior, from palatial ballrooms to refined reception halls, in a warm, inviting, and truly magnificent glow.

Central Column and Mythological Figures: The robust central column serves as the chandelier's majestic spine, masterfully adorned with three exquisitely sculpted putti (cherubim). Each figure is poised in a dynamic, almost aerial, posture, some holding musical instruments, evoking a sense of celestial harmony and classical elegance. These figures are surrounded by swirling acanthus leaves and delicate floral tendrils, showcasing the superb craftsmanship.

Classical Motifs and Harmonious Blend: Further enriching the design are the meticulously rendered classical motifs, including powerful ram's heads and regal lion heads, seamlessly integrated into the chandelier's upper pavilion and extending along the arms. These symbols of strength and nobility are softened and counterbalanced by graceful garlands of meticulously detailed flowers and cascading foliage, creating a harmonious interplay of robust classical forms and delicate natural beauty. This intricate detailing speaks volumes about the superlative level of artistry and dedication involved in its creation.

Tiered Structure and Cascading Light: The chandelier's sophisticated multi-tiered structure, with its gracefully scrolling arms extending outwards, creates a magnificent cascade of light, a hallmark of grand chandeliers designed to dominate and define large, prestigious spaces.

Historical Context and Decorative Impact: While echoing the spirit of earlier periods, the exceptional quality of the bronze work, the precision of the chasing, and the lavishness of the gilding suggest a provenance from the late 19th century. This era saw a significant revival of historical styles, particularly in luxury decorative arts, as master craftsmen sought to replicate and even surpass the grandeur of previous centuries.

Ideal for the most formal

dining rooms, grand entryways, opulent living spaces, or as a crowning centerpiece in a luxury boutique hotel or historical residence, this chandelier transcends mere utility. It is not merely a source of light but a significant sculptural art piece. It embodies a timeless aesthetic, characterized by a profound appreciation for elaborate ornamentation, mythological narrative, and the most luxurious materials. The interplay of light on the exquisitely chiseled gold and the intricate sculptural elements creates a mesmerizing visual experience, making this a true centerpiece that commands attention and elevates the ambiance of any interior to one of unparalleled sophistication and historical grandeur.

Side Ornamentation: To the right of the dial, a richly ornamented gilt bronze classical censer or urn with a lid adds balance and further classical aesthetic to the composition.

Movement and Condition:
Mechanical Movement: The mechanical movement is in perfect working condition and strikes the hours and half-hours on a bell.
Serviced and Complete: The clock has recently been cleaned and serviced by a professional watchmaker specializing in museum collections maintenance. It is delivered complete with its pendulum, winding key, and bell.

This mantel clock is a magnificent example of early 19th-century French horology and decorative arts, blending precision engineering with profound allegorical beauty. It would make a superb addition to any discerning collection, offering both historical significance and artistic excellence.