Old Mantel Clock



2 500 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Length : 21 cm

Width : 10 cm

Diameter : 12 cm

Height : 33,5 cm

Description

Royal Antique is delighted to present this elegant 19th-century mantel clock, a fine example of Regency-era craftsmanship. Characterized by its refined lines and classical motifs, this exceptional timepiece embodies the sophisticated aesthetic that bridged the late Empire and early Restoration periods in France (circa 1815-1830).Design and Materials:Distinctive Architectural Form: The clock features a distinctive architectural form, with a gabled pediment top and a robust rectangular base, reminiscent of a miniature classical temple or a simplified pavilion. This elegant structure lends the piece an inherent sense of stability and classical harmony.Ebonized Wood and Gilt Bronze: The clock's case is masterfully crafted from ebonized wood, creating a striking deep black backdrop that contrasts

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beautifully with the opulent gilt bronze mounts. The dark, polished surface enhances the luminosity of the gilded elements.Ornate Gilt Bronze Mounts: The ebonized wood is adorned with intricate gilt bronze mounts, featuring meticulously detailed classical and stylized motifs. These include:Classical Frieze: A prominent gilt bronze frieze graces the lower part of the clock's body, typically depicting allegorical scenes with figures, putti, or classical narrative elements (as seen in the image, showing a pastoral or mythological scene with figures and animals).Framing Elements: Additional gilt bronze elements subtly frame the clock face and adorn the architectural features of the pediment and base, highlighting the classical lines.Elegant Feet: The clock is supported by elegant gilt bronze toupie feet, providing both stability and an elevated presence.Clear Enamel Dial: The circular clock face, likely made of enamel or porcelain, is protected by a glass cover. It features crisp Roman numerals for the hours and delicate blued steel hands, ensuring legibility and adding to the clock's overall elegance. The dial is often signed by a renowned Parisian horloger, attesting to its quality and provenance.High-Quality Timekeeping Mechanism: The timekeeping mechanism housed within is undoubtedly of high quality, ensuring accurate and reliable timekeeping, making it both a functional instrument and a decorative showpiece.Period Significance and Decorative Impact:This Regency mantel clock is not merely a functional timepiece but also a significant statement piece for any discerning collector or connoisseur of fine art and decorative objects. It captures the aesthetic transition from the strict classicism of the Empire to a slightly softer, yet still grand, interpretation of classical forms. Its combination of exquisite materials, meticulous craftsmanship, and timeless design makes it a truly exceptional piece that would command attention on any mantelpiece, console, or library table.This magnificent Regency period mantel clock, with

its architectural elegance and detailed bronze work, is a testament to the enduring beauty and masterful craftsmanship of its era. It represents an invaluable acquisition for any collector, promising to be a captivating focal point and a statement of refined taste in any classical or historically inspired interior.