

## Hercules Brandishing His Club. 18th Century Italian School



9 500 EUR

Period: 18th century

Condition: Parfait état

Material: Bronze

Height: 40

## Description

Bronze sculpture with black patina Height: 40 cm. Presented on a blackened wooden base (total height: 58 cm) The famous hero of mythology, advances naked and bearded, his legs apart, his right arm above his head holding a club and his left arm extended towards the front. Attributed to Massimiliano Soldani Benzi (1656-1740) For those who know the works of John of Bologna (Giambologna), it will be easy to recognize in this sculpture a clear reference to the figure of "Hercules brandishing the club" (Bargello National Museum, Florence), which, according to specialists, is the bronze mentioned in the 1584 inventory of Grand Duke Ferdinand I de' Medici. As we know, the Florentine successors of the famous sculptor Giambologna reworked the master's inventions, moreover the workshop

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continued to produce after his death, taken over by his collaborators such as Pierre Taca or Antonio Susini. Our copy is a beautiful model with beautiful carving and a beautiful patina! Very good state of conservation. Sold with invoice & certificate.