



## 19th Century Mantel Clock



12 000 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Length : 68,5 cm

Width : 31 cm

Height : 75 cm

### Description

Royal Antique is delighted to offer this exceptional mantel clock, a testament to the luxurious aesthetics and masterful craftsmanship of early 19th-century French decorative arts. This timepiece is a perfect embodiment of European classical style, elegantly combining the vibrant beauty of malachite with sumptuous gilt bronze and a finely patinated bronze sculpture. Design and Materials: Luxurious Malachite Base: The substantial body and base of the clock are meticulously crafted from malachite, a precious stone renowned for its unique, swirling natural green veins. This striking material imbues the piece with an aura of opulence and natural beauty. Rich Gilt Bronze Adornments: The malachite is sumptuously framed and enhanced by an abundance of finely chased and

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mercury-gilded bronze mounts. These decorative elements include elegant acanthus scrolls, classical friezes, and a finely modeled central cartouche below the dial, all executed with remarkable precision. The clock rests on four finely crafted gilt bronze feet, providing stability and an additional touch of elegance.

**Classical Allegorical Sculpture:** Crowning the clock is a captivating statue of a classical goddess, rendered in beautifully patinated bronze. Seated in a majestic and graceful posture, she leans against an antique urn adorned with delicate motifs, possibly symbolizing wisdom, abundance, or peace. Every detail of her drapery, hair, and the flowering branch she holds is meticulously sculpted, showcasing the exceptional artistry of the period's bronziers.

**Integrated Dial:** The circular clock face is subtly integrated into the gilt bronze framework, featuring a gilded background with crisp black Roman numerals, ensuring clear readability. The slender, gently curved hands harmonize perfectly with the clock's classical design, reflecting the refined taste of the era.

**Movement and Condition:** This clock houses a high-quality eight-day movement with a wire-suspended pendulum, characteristic of the finest Parisian productions. It strikes the hour and half-hour on its accompanying bell. Royal Antique is pleased to confirm that this magnificent timepiece is in excellent and perfect working condition, having been recently cleaned and meticulously serviced by a professional clockmaker specializing in museum-quality restoration in Poland. The clock comes complete with its pendulum, winding key, and bell.

**Period Significance and Value:** Dating from the early to mid-19th century (likely Empire to early Restoration period, aligning with the classical and luxurious materials), this clock transcends mere timekeeping to become a true work of art. It showcases the perfect fusion of sculptural finesse and precious materials. Malachite, often associated with protection, wealth, and power, pairs beautifully with the resplendent gilt bronze,

reflecting timeless beauty and refinement. This luxurious piece is ideal for elevating prestigious spaces such as a classical living room, an elegant mansion, or a refined art collection. It represents not only a potential cherished heirloom but also a lasting investment in masterful artistry and historical significance.