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Important Bronze Bust Of Napoleon I By Renzo Colombo / Bonaparte Sculpture / Empire Emperor



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Signature : Renzo Colombo

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Height : 60 cm

Description

Magnificent and imposing bronze bust of Napoleon I, signed Renzo COLOMBO (R. Colombo) and dated 1885. It is presented with the symbol of the French Empire: an eagle with thunderbolts spreading its wings. Superb brown patina. Edition from the last quarter of the 19th century or the beginning of the 20th century. Marble base. Excellent general condition. Powerful and determined expression of the emperor who we imagine leading a battle. The sculpture presented here for sale is the most luxurious version offered at the time. Indeed, this bust was sold in several sizes -- the largest was, as here, 57 centimeters high. In addition, the imperial eagle was optional. It was awarded the silver medal at the "Paris Exposition Universelle" in 1889. Dimensions: Total height

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including marble base: 60 cmHeight of bronze
bust alone: 57 cmWidth: 36 cmDepth: 28
cmHeight of base: 3 cmsculpture weights
approximately 25 kg.Born in Milan, Italy, in
1856, Renzo Colombo studied sculpture with
Giuseppe Knoller at the Brera School of Fine
Arts before continuing his studies in Florence in
1878 and then in Genoa. Finally, Renzo Colombo
settled in Paris in the early 1880s and exhibited at
the Paris Salon in 1883, 1884 and 1885 where he
presented his famous bust of Napoleon that was
awarded the silver medal at the "Exposition
Universelle de Paris" en 1889 . He became artistic
director of the Musée Grévin in Paris in 1884 and
died in 1885.Reference in the specialized
literature: o Les Bronzes du XIXe Siècle:
Dictionnaire des Sculpteurs, Pierre Kjellberg,
1994, p. 220 Renzo Colombo. The