



Pair Of Bronzes, Grand Tour Sculptures, Two Furietti Centaurs



2 000 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Quelques manques

Material : Bronze

Description

Pair of brown patina bronzes representing Furietti's centaurs. They are presented on plated wooden bases. A must for travellers on the Grand Tour in the 19th century. The Centaurs are ancient sculptures in black marble discovered in 1736 by Monsignor Furietti in the Villa Adriana in Tivoli (a villa built in the 2nd century by the Emperor Hadrian). Also known as the Old Centaur and the Young Centaur, these sculptures are a metaphor for the torments of age. They became indispensable thanks to the many bronze reproductions made from the 18th century onwards, and especially in the 19th century for travellers on the Grand Tour. The Furietti Centaurs can also be found in many gardens and palaces (a white marble replica can be found in the gardens of the Grand Trianon, and a bronze

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pair at the entrance to the Château de Malmaison). Cardinal Furietti, a keen archaeologist, kept these sculptures until his death in 1764. On his death, his heirs sold them and they were transferred to the Capitoline Museums in Rome under the name of 'Furietti's Centaurs' in homage to their discoverer, and became an emblem of Greek and Roman Antiquity. Condition: bronzes in very good condition. Bases: missing veneers in places. PHOTOS SERVE AS DESCRIPTION. For other photos, please contact me. Signature : none Dimensions : Young Centaur: Total height 26 cm - Base: Width 14.6 cm x Depth 9.5 cm x Height 6 cm - Height of sculpture 19 cm. Old Centaur: Total height 21 cm - Base: Width 14.6 cm x Depth 9.5 cm x Height 6 cm - Height of sculpture 15 cm. For information: the price indicated is without shipping. For more paintings and objects, go to: aenigmattic.fr or on my instagram: @aenigmatticshopnice If you sell curiosities, please write me. For more pictures, please contact me.