



Early 19th Century Clock "the Nourishing Sea" Or Hope Nourishing Love" Reiche Model



4 800 EUR

Signature : FRISARD

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 42,5 cm

Height : 43,5 cm

Depth : 13 cm

Description

Clock circa 1820 "hope nourishing love" model by Jean André REICHE Model also known under the title "The nourishing sea" Clock in gilded and patinated bronze circa 1820 representing a woman breast-feeding a child. The rectangular base, marked by a frieze of hearts, the bas-relief symbolizing friendship is flanked on each side by a marine anchor. Each side receives an applique shell highlighted by a pearl garland. The clock rests on 4 cylindrical feet. Movement has an operating time of 8 days, strikes the hours and half hours. The suspension is wire, the white enamel dial is signed Frisant in Rouen. The hands are in gilded bronze. Dimensions: Height; 43.5 cm - width: 42.5 cm - depth: 13 cm.

Interpretation: the theme represents strength, stability, attachment, friendship, hope. Indeed

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according to mythology the anchor is one of the symbols of Poseidon God of the seas and oceans, it is also the meaning of stability (of an anchored ship) then according to Christian tradition the anchor symbolizes hope. (to life, family attachment). This brings us back to the theme of the clock "hope nourishing love". the bas relief on the theme of friendship is a resumption by Jean André REICHE of bas relief appearing on the clock called "the negress" by the bronzier Etienne Martincourt, made by the clockmakers André FURET and GODON for Marie Antoinette and not acquired by her. It was bought by Thierry de ville-d'avay Director of the furniture repository of the crown. This model by Reiche is inventoried in 1817 in the chapter of its old models. it is to be compared by its composition to the clock "the shipwreck" By Jean A. REICHE on anonymous drawing kept at the Cooper Hewitt Museum in New York.

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