



Marcellin Jean Esprit (1821 - 1884) - Ceres, Goddess Of The Harvest - Bronze - Signed



1 000 EUR

Signature : MARCELLIN Jean Esprit (1821 - 1884, France)

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 17 cm (socle)

Height : 49 cm

Depth : 15 cm (socle)

Description

This large bronze with a golden patina represents Ceres, goddess of the harvest, with a lamb and a sheaf of wheat. She holds a dove on her chest, an emblem of peace and abundance. The whole rests on a veined marble base. The signature is visible on the right side of the group. The wide drapery, the presence of animals and the pensive beauty of the woman give this bronze a significant decorative impact. The work is in very good condition, we will note only two small lacks of patina on the back (see photo). The artist Jean Esprit Marcellin is one of the most important French academic sculptors of the 19th century. He was born in Gap (Hautes Alpes) in 1821, in a modest background. Financially supported by his city and his department, he moved to Paris where he joined the Ecole supérieure des beaux-arts.

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From 1847 until his death in 1884, he participated in all the salons of French artists. He has a prolific career, recognized by the State, which regularly commissions him. He has created several statues for the decor of the Louvre Museum, the Paris City Hall, the Sorbonne Church, etc. He was decorated with the Legion of Honor in 1862. His works are featured in the greatest French and foreign museums, such as the Musée d'Orsay in Paris and the National Gallery of Art in Washington (United States). The city of Gap named a square after him. His works have been the subject of public sales on numerous occasions. Work visible at the gallery (07240) Shipping: contact us for shipping costs in France and abroad.