



Covered Silver-plated Bronze Urn: The Abduction Of Hippodamia



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Bronze

Height : 34 cm

Description

Covered urn in silvered bronze including in its upper part a group representing the Rapture of Hippodamia. The body decorated with a rotating decoration in high relief depicting a scene of struggle between the Centaurs and the Lapiths on the occasion of the wedding of Hippodamia and Pirithoos. Small deformation to the upper part

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Related work: Anonymous, Tankard: combat of the Centaurs and the Lapiths and the kidnapping of Hippodamia, Germany, around 1700, Paris, Louvre museum, inventory number OA 2304.

It was on the occasion of the wedding between

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the young Hippodamia and Pirithous, king of the lapiths, that this kidnapping occurred. The centaurs had been invited as neighbors. However, during the festival, drunk and upset that no homage had been paid to them, the centaurs attacked Hippodamia and the other women in the assembly, which led to a war and ended with the defeat of the centaurs, driven from Mount Pelion.