



## Empire Mantel Clock "diana And Callisto" - Alexandre à Paris, Circa 1810



4 200 EUR

Signature : Alexandre à Paris, vers 1810

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Length : 43

Width : 34

### Description

An exquisite French Empire gilt bronze mantel clock, attributed to the Parisian clockmaker Alexandre à Paris, circa 1810. The composition features a finely cast allegorical group representing Diana and Callisto, drawn from Ovid's *Metamorphoses*. Seated above the enamel dial, the goddess Diana is depicted in a moment of intimate discovery, as she unveils Callisto's hidden pregnancy -- a subject rich in classical symbolism. The clock is adorned with neoclassical ornamentation: two majestic sphinxes flank the dial, embodying enigma and wisdom; detailed acanthus and palmette motifs highlight the architectural structure; and a draped curtain frieze evokes aristocratic interiors of the early 19th century. The white enamel dial with Roman numerals is signed "Alexandre à

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Paris"and retains its original Breguet-style hands.A museum-quality piece that captures the Empire era's fascination with antiquity, mythology, and imperial grandeur.Dimensions: 43 × 34 cm.