



Grand Tour: Bronze Bust Of Hermes, After The Marble Sculpture By Praxiteles



980 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 23 cm

Height : 32 cm

Description

Beautiful bust of Hermes based on the model of the sculptor Praxiteles (4th century BC), after the famous Greek statue discovered in 1877 in the ruins of the Temple of Hera at Olympia. This refined bronze, with a nuanced green patina, represents Hermes, messenger of the gods, in a composition combining finesse and robustness. Hermes' face is distinguished by soft, youthful features, a slightly open mouth, a straight nose, and finely chiseled wavy hair, swept back in regular locks around his forehead. His peaceful, detached gaze embodies a divinity imbued with serenity. This part of the composition presents the god with a certain delicacy. However, the bust also gives off an impression of solid presence, reinforced by the muscular tension of the neck and shoulders. This discreet robustness reminds

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us that, beneath the divine elegance and apparent youth, Hermes remains a vigorous, alert, and active god. Through this representation, the model perfectly captures the multiple facets of Hermes: both god of travelers and shepherds, symbol of physical strength, but also god of traders, thieves and orators, incarnation of charisma, intelligence and agility. Dimensions
Height = 32 cm Base = 9 cm Width = 23 cm