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Amethyst Mantel Clock With Astronomical Dial And Gilt Bronze Ornaments



25 000 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Length : 28

Height : 60

Depth : 17

Description

France, Paris, late 18th centuryDial signed Delhaux-Lariv, Rue de la Barillerie n. 24, à ParisAmethyst, fire-gilt bronze, enamel, mechanical movement with strikingAn extraordinary mantel clock crafted in the final decades of the 18th century (circa 1790-1800), combining refined craftsmanship, symbolism and scientific complexity. The case is carved from polished amethyst, adorned with fine fire-gilt bronze mounts.The enamel dial functions as a miniature astronomical calendar, displaying:Hours (central Arabic numerals, elegant pierced hands),Minutes (outer ring 1-60),Day of the month (1-31),Months and corresponding zodiac signs,Phases of the moon, shown in a blue arc with a stylized lunar face.Topped by a putto holding a torch (symbol

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of light, time or reason), the clock rests on a base decorated with a gilt frieze showing allegories of science and the mechanical arts, referencing Enlightenment ideals.The clock is signed Delhaux-Lariv, a Parisian clockmaker active in the late 18th century, known for producing sophisticated scientific timepieces.This clock embodies the intellectual and decorative spirit of late Enlightenment-era France, where horology was both scientific instrument and allegorical art.