



Empire-style Tall Case Clock



2 500 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Height : 163

Description

France, first quarter of the 19th century Mahogany and mercury-gilded bronze, height 163 cmA refined French Empire-period tall case clock, with a slender, tapering silhouette crafted in mahogany and richly adorned with finely chased mercury-gilded bronze mounts. The dial is engraved in low relief with Roman numerals in decorated cartouches and openwork hands over a radiating star motif. The top is framed by neoclassical elements: ears of wheat, a Greek key frieze, and an acroterial urn. Beneath the dial, a gilt bronze mount with winged griffins and a central shell precedes a classical trophy of arms with wheel, arrows, laurel and ribbons. The central shaft features a large oval medallion depicting Aurora (or Diana) riding a chariot drawn by winged horses -- a mythological

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allegory of the passage of time. The movement, housed in the upper case, is a striking pendulum mechanism with original brass components. A superb example of decorative French horology from the Napoleonic era.