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Marble Bust "margherita Of Savoy", Attributed To Santo Varni, 1870



7 900 EUR

Signature : Santo Varni

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Marble

Width : 49 cm

Height : 76 cm

Depth : 33 cm

Description

Magnificent life-size bust in white Carrara marble depicting Queen Margherita of Savoy, created around 1870 and attributed to the renowned Ligurian sculptor Santo Varni (1807-1885), one of the leading figures of 19th-century Italian academic sculpture. This work, of exceptional execution quality, portrays the sovereign in her youth, with a proud gaze and composed elegance, adorned with a finely detailed hairstyle and an exquisitely sculpted lace gown rendered with remarkable technical virtuosity. The intricate depiction of the lace texture, the central pendant, and the soft folds of the fabric demonstrate outstanding marble craftsmanship, recalling the most refined examples of celebratory sculpture from the late 19th century. The serene, regal face conveys the nobility of the subject, in keeping

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with the aesthetic canons of dynastic portraiture. The attribution to Varni is based on stylistic comparisons with other known and documented busts by the artist, now preserved in Italian museums and private collections. An ideal piece for classic interiors, this bust is not only a superb example of sculpture but also a historical testament to the post-unification monarchical cult. Excellent condition, with minor age-related wear consistent with the period.