Empire Style Mantel Clock



3 500 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Parfait état

Width : 36 cm

Height : 32 cm

Depth : 16 cm

Description

Exceptionally rare and captivating, this mantel clock, executed in the highly sought-after Empire style, this magnificent early 19th-century timepiece features a truly enchanting tableau dedicated to the eternal theme of music. Bearing the esteemed signature "Caillouet à Paris," a distinguished clockmaker referenced in Tardy as early as 1810, this model is a testament to exquisite craftsmanship and sophisticated artistic vision. The meticulously composed scene unfolds with an elegantly dressed musician gracefully seated in an intricately decorated revolving armchair. He is depicted in a moment of deep absorption, immersed in reading a musical score resting on a classical writing desk. The immaculate white enamel dial, subtly integrated into the composition, is discreetly positioned

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between the desk legs, adding to the visual harmony of the scene without disrupting its narrative. Further enhancing the depth and elegance of the composition are various architectural elements, including resting partitions and a beautifully rendered lyre adorned with flowing drapery - the quintessential symbol of music and poetry. Atop a slender column, a delicately crafted incense burner adds a touch of domestic refinement, completing the intimate atmosphere. The clock rests on a finely proportioned rectangular base, which is a work of art in itself. It is sumptuously embellished with a precise row of pearls and exquisitely carved friezes, depicting classical ribbons, heraldic trumpets, and charming angelic musicians. These intricate details create a harmonious interplay of form and function, celebrating the artistic and musical themes of the Empire period.Condition Report: This splendid clock is in immaculate condition, demonstrating both meticulous original craftsmanship and exceptional subsequent conservation. As a testament to its superb quality, it has recently undergone a thorough cleaning and comprehensive service by a specialist in the conservation of antique timepieces, ensuring its continued functionality, accuracy, and longevity.Movement Details: The clock retains its original mechanism, featuring a reliable silk-wire suspension. It accurately strikes the hour and half-hour on its antique bell, producing a clear, resonant tone. The clock is offered complete with its period pendulum, winding key, and striking bell.This remarkable Empire mantel clock is more than just a timepiece; It is a significant sculptural work that embodies the artistic and cultural spirit of its time, destined to be a focal point in any discerning collection.