



Portico Clock In Gilt Bronze Empire Period Early 19th Century



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 22 cm

Height : 38.5 cm

Depth : 15 cm

Description

Empire period portico clock in finely chased and mercury-gilt bronze, made circa 1805-1815. The rectangular case, raised on four fluted columns and a rectangular base with bun feet, houses an enamel dial with Roman numerals framed by a chased bezel. The dial is flanked by two winged Victories blowing trumpets. Beneath the dial, an openwork frieze of foliage and tasselled drapery incorporates a butterfly-shaped pendulum, an ancient symbol of the soul.

The clock is surmounted by a finely modelled figure of Cupid asleep on a classical bed, a theme highly appreciated in Empire decorative arts, symbolising love and innocence. The fine chiselling and original gilding, still preserved, attest to the quality of execution.

The movement is original, complete and

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functional, with silk suspension.

Materials and techniques

Chased and mercury-gilt bronze (original gilding).

White enamel dial with Roman numerals.

Silk thread suspension movement with butterfly pendulum.

Condition

Very good condition: original gilding with light, age-related wear. Complete mechanism.

Dimensions

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