



Large Romantic Alabaster Sculpture. Italy, Late 19th Century - Romeo And Juliet, Neo-gothic



300 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Restauré

Material : Alabaster

Height : 50 cm

Description

Alabaster Sculpture Depicting Romeo and Juliet, Italy, 19th Century
A work of great finesse, particularly in the treatment of the faces, hands, and drapery, with a remarkable fluid effect on the reverse of the piece. The scene shows the dramatic embrace of the two lovers: Romeo in light armor, and Juliet leaning towards him from a balcony with Neo-Gothic architecture. A few fine cracks are visible, as well as an old restoration of a filled crack. Beautiful uniform patina. A brown mark on Romeo's left shoulder.
Period: Late 19th - early 20th century.
Literary and Romantic Subject: Romeo and Juliet was a particularly popular theme during the Romantic and post-Romantic eras. It is abundantly found in sculpture and painting of the second half of the 19th century, a time when

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Shakespeare was rediscovered and celebrated in Europe. Realism of faces, softness of expressions, neo-romantic aesthetic of the second half of the 19th century. The balcony scene, Romeo climbing, Juliet leaning... a very "theatrical" spirit. The work on the drapery, ample and fluid, is characteristic of Italian and French workshops of the late 19th century, which adopted classical codes but with a more sentimental execution.

Alabaster was widely used in decorative sculpture of the 19th century, being less expensive than marble and allowing for a very smooth and luminous finish.

Dimensions: Height: 50 cm

Width: 23 cm Base: 18 x 13.5 cm Weight: 14.4 kg

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