



Bronze Sculpture "seated Hermes" Or "mercury At Rest" Barbedienne



1 850 EUR

Signature : Ferdinand Barbedienne (1810-1892)

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Height : 31

Description

Ferdinand Barbedienne (1810-1892) Paris, circa 1860. Bronze sculpture with medal patina in superb condition. Depicting the young Hermes at rest, seated on a rock in a pensive attitude. Beautiful and fine chiseling. Signed intaglio on the side "F. Barbedienne Fondateur". Numbered 27 intaglio underneath, also marked in ink with a reference 38281. Dimensions: Height H 31 cm x W 23 x D 19 cm *Reprise of the extraordinary statue discovered during the excavations of the Villa of the Papyri in Herculaneum in 1758 and today preserved in the National Archaeological Museum of Naples. It represents the God of travelers and traders Hermes resting. Specialists agree that it is a Roman copy from the 1st century AD after a Greek bronze from the 3rd century BC. * Mercury is the Roman God corresponding

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to the Greek Hermes. Protector of merchants, travelers and thieves, he is also the messenger of his father Jupiter * Ferdinand Barbedienne (1810-1892), mainly known for his bronze foundry, joined forces in 1838 with the mechanic Achille Collas (1795-1859), inventor of the process of reproducing bronze and art objects.