

Sculpture - Hope, Felix Pierre Richard (1848-1912) - Bronze



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Signature : Félix Pierre Richard (1848-1912)

Period: 19th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Bronze

Length: 45 cm

Height: 67 cm

Depth: 17.5 cm

Description

Important and majestic bronze bust with brown patina, representing an allegory of hope, by the sculptor Felix Pierre Richard (1848-1912). The woman is represented with her head slightly turned, looking peacefully towards the horizon. An anchor, symbol of hope, rests on her head, she wears a crossed dress revealing her neckline which refers to feminine sensuality; the folds of the drape enhance the sophisticated side of the dress. "Hope" usually has the anchor as a symbol , because this mass which holds the boat despite the agitation of the sea symbolizes stability and assurance. This virtue allows the man who is wavering to escape the turmoil of existence. The shape of the anchor also brings it closer to the cross . Bust titled "ESPÉRANCE Salon Des Beaux-Arts", in a gilded bronze cartouche.

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Signature of the sculptor "F.Richard" hollow, on the back of the bust .Old edition sculpture, period second part of the 19th century. Perfect state of conservation and patina. Dimensions: 67 cm x 45 cm x 17.5 cm Felix Pierre Richard (1848-1912) Felix Pierre Richard is a French sculptor, born in La Tronche, near Grenoble, on November 28, 1848. He began his apprenticeship with the sculptors François Jouffroy (1806-1882) and Jean-Baptiste Carpeaux (1827-1875). He exhibited in 1890 at the Universal Exhibition, where he obtained an "Honorable Mention" . He is the author of the marble bust of "Monseigneur Laurencin" in the church of La Tronche. Known for his figurative sculptures in bronze and terracotta, he was particularly fond of representations of women. Felix Pierre Richard rejects the constraints of the morals of his time and of realism in his female portraits, the often asymmetrical and offbeat composition aims to glorify the "Woman". He represents them in extremely idealized, feminine and seductive forms. The colors of his patinas and the ornamentation of his works are often inspired by fauna and flora.