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Skeleton Clock Making Napoleon III Alarm Clock. Honorable Mentions. Exhibitions Paris London



850 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Description

A small skeleton alarm clock, dating from the Napoleon III period, mid-19th century, in gilt bronze with chased floral and scrollwork decoration, featuring an openwork enamel dial with Roman numerals and Breguet hands, resting on a blackened wood tripod base and protected by a glass dome. It bears the stamp "Ms Honorables Exp. Paris Londres," indicating that this model was exhibited at the Universal Exhibitions in Paris and London in the mid-19th century and received an Honorable Mention. The clock has a wire-driven alarm mechanism. The movement is wound at six o'clock. The time is set by a knob at twelve o'clock. The alarm is set by the pull cord at nine o'clock, and the striking mechanism is wound by the pull cord on the right side of the base. The alarm is sounded by a bell located

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beneath the base. This clock is in perfect working order. The glass dome has a chip on the side which has been carefully repaired. Height of the clock alone, without its base 17 cm, height with its base 22.5 cm, total height with globe 24 cm. Although this clock is unsigned, it is highly likely that it is the model created by clockmaker Victor-Athanase Pierret (active from 1830 to 1887) that was presented at the 1851 exhibition in London and received an honorable mention.