



Caricature Of A Lawyer With A Bird's Head



980 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Height : 16

Description

A patinated bronze sculpture depicting a humorous caricature of a lawyer, portrayed anthropomorphically with a bird's head, dressed in a lawyer's robe, in a dignified, almost solemn pose, deliberately mocking. This figure is firmly rooted in the 19th-century satirical tradition, where the lawyer is a character frequently caricatured for his excessive eloquence, skillful rhetoric, and penchant for theatrics. The stiff posture, clasped hands, and theatrical attitude reinforce this ironic interpretation. The work is clearly in the spirit of J.J. Grandville, famous for his caricatures blending human bodies and animal heads to represent the social and professional types of his time. As with Grandville, the animalization of the face is not fantastical, but rather a form of psychological satire, intended to

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make the character immediately recognizable to the viewer. This type of "theatrical bird" belonged to the imagination of boulevard theatre and satirical press, where the lawyer became a recurring comic figure, an embodiment of eloquence, pride and judicial posturing.