



Psyche, Bronze Sculpture, Albert-ernest Carrier-belleuse (1824-1887), 19th Century



5 500 EUR

Signature : Albert-Ernest Carrier-Belleuse (1824-1887)

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Length : 74

Width : 33

Diameter : 24

Description

Psyche is a refined patinated bronze sculpture by Albert-Ernest Carrier-Belleuse (1824-1887), cast by the Oudin foundry in Marseille, renowned for the quality of its 19th-century bronze production. This model is well-known at Sotheby's, where comparable examples have been catalogued and offered for sale, confirming its established place in the international art market. The figure depicts Psyche in a moment of silent contemplation, delicately holding a small vessel, her pose expressing grace, sensitivity, and restrained emotion. The composition is distinguished by a harmoniously balanced contrapposto, subtle anatomical modeling, and flowing drapery that naturally follows the contours of the body--all characteristic elements of Carrier-Belleuse's accomplished sculptural language. The nuanced

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and elegant green-brown patina enhances the depth of the modeling and allows the light to delicately highlight the sculpted surfaces. The base is engraved with the inscription "PSYCHÉ", clearly identifying the subject. A beautiful and expressive example of French sculpture from the second half of the 19th century, combining poetic elegance and remarkable quality of bronze casting. Dimensions: H 74 × 33 × 24 cm.