



A Large Substantial French Louis XVI Style Gilt Bronze Cartel Wall Clock



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Period : 19th century

Condition : En l'etat

Description

A Large and Substantial French Louis XVI Style Gilt Bronze (Ormolu) Cartel Wall Clock. An impressive and finely cast French Louis XVI style cartel clock of grand scale, designed for wall mounting and executed in richly chased gilt bronze (ormolu). The architectural case displays the refined neoclassical elegance associated with the late 18th century, incorporating classical motifs and exceptional sculptural detail throughout. The clock is surmounted by a lidded urn finial flanked by pinecone and foliate ornament, with sweeping acanthus leaves and flowing drapery mounts cascading down the sides. Beneath the dial sits a boldly modelled mask, commonly interpreted as Apollo, accompanied by a radiating sunburst -- a motif symbolising light, time and harmony. The white

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enamel dial features Roman numerals for the hours and Arabic outer minute markers, with finely pierced gilt-brass hands. The movement is an 8-day time and strike mechanism, traditionally striking the hours and half-hours on a bell. Clocks of this distinguished model were produced by notable Parisian bronziers and clockmakers, including Jean-Baptiste Osmond and Prosper Roussel, and the design remained highly sought after with fine examples continuing into the 19th century. A decorative and highly collectible statement piece, equally suited to both traditional and contemporary interiors. Approximate Dimensions: Height: 90 cm Width: 39 cm Depth: 11 cm