



Atlas Bearing The World, Bronze With Patinated Medal, France, 19th Century



900 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 14,5 cm

Height : 28 cm

Description

Atlas Carrying the World, Bronze with a medal patina, France, 19th century. Superb sculpture representing Atlas, the mythological figure condemned to support the celestial vault, here depicted carrying the terrestrial globe on his shoulders. The finely modeled figure presents a powerful and naturalistic anatomy, characteristic of 19th-century academic taste. The muscular treatment of the back, legs, and arms testifies to meticulous craftsmanship and a pursuit of anatomical truth inspired by classical tradition. The globe he supports is particularly remarkable. It is richly decorated with relief engravings representing the signs of the zodiac, astrological figures, and a multitude of fantastical creatures. Among the features depicted are: astrological signs (Libra, Aquarius, and other constellations),

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mythological and fantastical animals, a large serpentine figure evoking a dragon or cosmic serpent, symbolic and allegorical animals, and celestial representations punctuated with stars. This iconography reinforces the cosmological and symbolic dimension of the work, making the globe not only a terrestrial world but a true celestial sphere evoking ancient astronomy and astrology. The piece rests on a base of veined black marble, lending elegance and contrast to the warm, bronze patina. This sculpture combines mythological power, symbolic erudition, and decorative quality. It would be perfectly at home in a classic interior, a cabinet of curiosities, or a collector's library. It is in very good condition, with a well-preserved antique patina.