



Grand Tour: Tall Antique Bronze Depicting Caesar, 19th Century



2 950 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 30 cm

Height : 66 cm

Depth : 21 cm

Description

A rare and important bronze sculpture with a medal patina, depicting the Augustan Emperor Julius Caesar (born July 12 or 13, 100 BC in Rome and died March 15, 44 BC in the same city). A beautifully crafted Italian work from the second half of the 19th century, this 19th-century bronze sculpture is firmly rooted in the tradition of editions inspired by Antiquity, developed in the wake of the Grand Tour. At a time when European foundries sought to disseminate iconic models of classical statuary, this type of representation of Caesar met a growing demand for works combining historical prestige and artistic quality. The piece incorporates the major attributes associated with the figure: a confident posture, a finely detailed cuirass, carefully modeled drapery, and a laurel wreath. The precise

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and realistic treatment of the face reflects the values traditionally associated with Roman figures of power, such as gravitas and severitas. The overall effect gives the sculpture a strong and immediately recognizable presence. The costume, pose, and attitude faithfully reproduce recognized antique models, notably the statue from the Temple of Venus Genetrix in Rome. A comparison is also relevant with a 19th-century bronze in the Yale Center for British Art, which features a very similar face and construction. In our version, a discreet column subtly supports the composition, recalling the rigor of classical architecture. At its base, a scroll engraved with "Roma" reinforces the historical context and symbolism of the work. Thanks to the quality of its casting, the precision of its chasing, and the clarity of its iconography, this sculpture is a fine example of 19th-century historicizing art. It represents a distinctive decorative piece and a sought-after testament to the Neoclassical taste of the period. Height to head: 62 cm; Total height: 66 cm; Width: 30 cm; Depth: 21 cm