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émile Louis Picault, The Bourgeois Gentleman, Bronze With Brown Patina, Late 19th Century



860 EUR

Signature : Émile Picault

Period : 19th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Bronze

Width : 14

Diameter : 7

Height : 26

Description

Émile Picault, Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme,
bronze à patine brune, fin du XIXe siècle

Bronze with brown patina

Height 26 cm; width 14 cm; base diameter 7 cm;
weight 1.8 kg

Front of base inscribed: "Le Bourgeois
Gentilhomme de Molière"; rear of base signed:E.

PicaultThis spirited bronze by Émile Picault pays
homage to one of Molière's most iconic
characters, capturing with remarkable finesse the
theatrical exuberance of Le Bourgeois
Gentilhomme. The figure is rendered in a
dynamic pose, arm raised and rapier extended, as
though caught mid-gesture in the midst of a lively
scene. Picault's characteristic attention to
movement and narrative is evident in the fluidity
of the stance and the expressive tilt of the

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body. The richly detailed costume--ornamented doublet, high boots, ruffled cravat, and broad-brimmed hat--reflects both the sculptor's technical mastery and his sensitivity to the visual language of classical French theatre. The warm, even brown patina enhances the modelling and lends the piece a refined presence. The inscription "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme de Molière" on the front of the base firmly anchors the work within the 19th-century tradition of literary bronzes, while the signature E. Picault on the reverse confirms the hand of one of the period's most prolific and sought-after sculptors of historical and allegorical subjects. Combining narrative charm with meticulous craftsmanship, this bronze stands as a distinguished example of the late-19th-century French taste for theatrical and literary themes.