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Gilt Bronze Clock With Celestial Globe - Allegory Of Astronomy - Napoleon III



1 650 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Length : 32,5

Height : 41

Depth : 11,5

Description

Finely chased and mercury-gilt bronze mantel clock, in the Restauration style, executed during the Second Empire, circa 1860. The composition depicts an elegant female allegorical figure of Astronomy, absorbed in the consultation of a manuscript beside an architectural base decorated with sculpted volumes in relief. The scene is articulated around a remarkable midnight-blue enamel celestial globe highlighted with gilt stars, accompanied by a winged putto holding scientific instruments and a lateral sundial -- symbolic of knowledge and the measurement of time. The ensemble rests on a finely detailed neoclassical base adorned with palmette friezes, swags, a central mask and scholarly attributes, reflecting the 19th-century academic reinterpretation of Antiquity. The dial

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features Roman numerals on an enamel ground and bears a partially legible signature. The movement is stamped FORGRE, a 19th-century Parisian maker. The mechanism has been fully overhauled by a professional horologist. The clock will be delivered in perfect working order, complete with pendulum and key, and carries a one-year guarantee. Dimensions: Height: 41 cm Width: 32.5 cm Depth: 11.5 cm Very good overall condition. The mercury gilding retains a bright, harmonious patina with minor wear consistent with age, without affecting the decorative integrity of the piece. A refined and scholarly decorative work, perfectly illustrating the 19th-century neoclassical aesthetic.