



Silver Gilt Figure Of Neptune Upon A Malachite Boulder. Italian, 19th Century.



1 000 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Description

A silver gilt figure of Neptune seated upon a malachite boulder. Italian, 19th century. Measures 11 8 x 5cm. The god crafted from gilded silver, bearing a trident in one hand and a polished branch of Mediterranean red coral (*Corallium rubrum*) in the other. The figure is seated upon a silver gilt throne of coral, mounted on a rocky base of malachite. Neptune is the Roman god of freshwater, the sea, and horses, identified as the counterpart to the Greek god Poseidon. As a brother to Jupiter and Pluto, he held a central role in the Roman pantheon, often depicted with a trident and riding a chariot. Originally a freshwater deity, he became a major maritime god, honored during the Neptunalia festival in July.

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