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18th Century Louis XVI Wall Clock - Id: 985666



12 000 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 36 cm

Diameter : 18 cm

Height : 35 cm

Depth : 15 cm

Description

Royal Antique is proud to present this exceptional Louis XVI style wall clock, made in the 18th century, which exemplifies the neoclassical elegance and precision characteristic of this period. The clock illustrates a masterful fusion of materials and craftsmanship, resulting in a piece that is as visually striking as it is functionally refined. Design and Ornamentation: Gilt Bronze Case: The case is entirely crafted from finely cast and chased gilt bronze, showcasing intricate details that reflect the refined artistry of the Louis XVI style. The quality of the gilding and chasing is exceptional. Classic Symmetrical Composition: The clock's design is anchored by its symmetrical composition, with classic motifs such as laurel wreaths, scalloped draperies, and fluted pilasters. Allegorical Figures: Two allegorical female

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figures, in the style of caryatids, flank the sides of the dial, embodying grace and harmony, and adding a mythological dimension to the whole. Crowning Finial: The top of the clock is crowned with a draped urn in gilt bronze, symbolizing timelessness and refinement, flanked by stylized acanthus leaf and pinecone motifs. Ornamental Details: The lower section features an ornate motif of foliage and ribbons, while the cartouche rests on an integrated support richly decorated with festoons and floral motifs. Horological Features: Enamel Dial: The circular white enamel dial is signed by the clockmaker "L. Doudet in Paris." It features Arabic numerals for the minutes and Roman numerals for the hours, as well as delicately crafted hands, all encapsulated within a gilt bronze bezel. Openwork Detail: The openwork detail beneath the dial, often a foliage motif, enhances the overall aesthetic, offering a glimpse of the intricate mechanism within. Historical Context and Decorative Impact: This wall clock is not merely a functional timepiece, but also a masterful decorative object, embodying the grandeur of 18th-century French design. It makes an ideal addition to any distinguished collection or an interior seeking neoclassical sophistication.