Important Cameo Depicting Athena With An Owl - Silver Mount - 18th Century Sdc26ath001



500 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Height : 6 cm

Description

Important shell cameo depicting Athena with an owl - silver mount - 18th century. This large antique piece is a fine example of a neoclassical cameo inspired by classical iconography and will appeal to lovers of antique jewelry and mythology. A large antique cameo carved from a shell, it depicts the goddess Athena, a major figure in Greek mythology. The goddess is shown in profile, wearing her crested helmet, holding a spear and shield, seated on clouds. Beside her appears the owl, Athena's emblematic attribute, a symbol of wisdom and knowledge. In Greek mythology, Athena is the goddess of wisdom, military strategy, and the arts. Protector of the city of Athens, she is often accompanied by the owl, a sacred animal that embodies foresight and intelligence. Athena's owl was also featured on

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the famous ancient coins of Athens, becoming a universal symbol of knowledge and vigilance. The cameo is finely carved in relief from a shell in shades of orange and cream, offering a striking and aesthetically pleasing natural contrast between the background and the subject. The scene is particularly expressive and detailed, with exquisite work on the armor, drapery, and clouds. The silver mount features a discreet twisted border that enhances the carving. The brooch retains its original pin system, though broken, but this does not detract from the object's integrity. It can be easily repaired by a good jeweler. Due to its substantial size, this cameo is a remarkable piece, characteristic of the neoclassical jewelry inspired by antiquity that was highly prized at the end of the 18th century. Dimensions: approximately 6 × 5 × 1.5 cm. Fast and well-protected delivery. WORLDWIDE SHIPPING. For example, for mainland France, Mondial Relay delivery is EUR10 (insurance limit EUR500). Home delivery is EUR16 (fully insured). Check if there is a Mondial Relay store near you. Worldwide delivery is possible; shipping costs are to be determined with the buyer and are their responsibility. Delivery is fully insured and perfectly protected. For international deliveries, if Shop-to-Shop delivery is available, this method will be used without prior notice from the buyer. The buyer chooses their delivery method: home delivery or to a pickup point. Bank transfer is also possible.