Large Antique Gilt Bronze Khmer Teaching Buddha, Angkor Wat Style, Vitarka Mudra, Cambodia Th



675 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Height : 57 cm

Description

Large antique Southeast Asian sculpture in gilt bronze representing a standing crowned Buddha displaying the vitarka mudra, the gesture of teaching and the transmission of Buddhist doctrine.
The Buddha stands upright in a serene frontal posture with both hands raised before the body. The thumb and index finger of each hand form a circle while the other fingers extend upward, creating the characteristic vitarka mudra, symbolising the act of teaching, discussion and the explanation of sacred knowledge.
The figure wears a tall conical crown, elaborate jewellery and a richly ornamented costume. The elongated earlobes, stylised facial features and refined ornamentation correspond to the iconography of the crowned Buddha, a

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representation associated with the concept of the Buddha as a universal monarch in Khmer and Khmer-influenced Buddhist traditions.
The artistic vocabulary -- particularly the treatment of the crown, jewellery, facial expression and posture -- recalls the Angkor Wat style of the 12th century, one of the great classical traditions of Khmer sculpture.
This sculpture is an old copy inspired by Angkorian models, comparable to a smaller statuette (25 cm) preserved in the Chao Sam Phraya National Museum in Ayutthaya, Thailand.
The bronze retains much of the original gilding and a naturally aged patina with areas of oxidation and verdigris consistent with age.
Height of sculpture: 47 cm
Total height with base: 57 cm
Base: 10 cm
Private collection.
Good condition.
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