



Chiseled And Gilded Bronze Belt Buckle, Empire Period, Decorated With Oak Leaves.



95 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Length : 8cm

Width : 4cm

Description

A rare and elegant belt buckle in finely chased and gilded bronze, rectangular in shape with openwork, set within a regular 8 x 4 cm frame. The decoration, executed with great finesse, consists of a rich motif of oak leaves in high relief, a symbol of strength and permanence. This ornamental repertoire, inherited from Antiquity, is particularly characteristic of the Empire style. The whole is delicately chased, with a harmonious alternation between matte reliefs and smooth areas. Four radiating motifs in the shape of stylized spearheads emanate from the central axes of the composition, visually structuring the piece, while the corners are adorned with softened ovals, reinforcing the classical balance of the design. The buckle is entirely openwork in its center, echoing the contour of the outer frame,

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which lends it lightness and refinement. The reverse features a complete and original fastening system: a thin metal rod riveted to the edges, receiving two independent movable pins. One buckle features curved prongs for anchoring in the leather, while the other has a double curve ensuring support and tightening, demonstrating an elaborate and functional technical design typical of high-quality buckles from the early 19th century. The gilding, likely executed using a traditional technique (such as gold leaf or mercury gilding), retains a beautiful luster, highlighting the quality of the chasing. Period and Attribution: French work, Empire period, circa 1800. With its neoclassical oak leaf decoration, rigorous symmetry, and the quality of its chased and gilded bronze, this buckle is a prime example of the production of ceremonial objects of this period, possibly intended for an elegant civilian belt or a uniform accessory. Condition: Very good condition. Gilding well preserved. Complete and functional mechanism. A rare item on the market, sought after for the quality of its decoration and the elegance of its composition.