



Ivory Bust Depicting Napoleon Bonaparte, 19th Century



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Ivory

Height : 18 cm.

Description

An elegant ivory bust depicting Napoleon Bonaparte, one of the most iconic and influential figures in European history between the 18th and 19th centuries. The work, executed by a skilled 19th-century sculptor, is distinguished by its balance between formal rigor and artistic sensitivity, offering a solemn and idealized portrait of the Emperor. The face, with its full and compact features, is modeled with great restraint: the gaze is fixed, almost detached, while the controlled expression underscores his authoritative character and awareness of his historical role. Napoleon is depicted in full dress uniform, with a stiff collar and richly ornamented epaulettes, executed with remarkable technical virtuosity. On the chest stand out the finely sculpted insignia: the plaque of the Order of the

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Legion of Honor, the decoration of the Legion of Honor, and the decoration of the Iron Crown, elements that precisely define the subject's imperial identity and lend further prestige to the whole. The quality of the carving is evident in the meticulous attention to detail, from the buttons and epaulettes to the rendering of the hair, as well as in the ability to highlight the natural grain of the ivory, which enlivens the surface with warm hues and a soft, authentic patina. The bust rests on a turned ivory base, itself set upon an elegant dark wood plinth, creating a refined chromatic contrast and enhancing its decorative presence. The piece is accompanied by a CITES certificate for sale within the European Union. Height: 18 cm (26 cm total with the wooden base)