Empire Mantel Clock, France In 1810 Lectura/liseuse



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Length : 30cm

Width : 30 cm

Height : 33 cm

Depth : 14.5 cm

Description

Antique Empire mantel clock with pendulum, in gilt bronzeModel: "La Lectura"Period: EmpirePlace of origin: FranceDate of manufacture: Circa 1810Materials and construction: Gilt and patinated bronze, marbleDimensions:Height: 33 cmWidth: 30 cmDepth: 14.5 cmA very fine example of this iconic French Empire clock. It is undoubtedly the most famous of a series ofclocks designed by Jean-André Reiche in the early 19th century and widely usedin the palaces and grand state buildings of France and its Empire. All featurethe same female figures, depicted in poses of study or learning. This one shows a young woman in aclassical dress reading a book by the light of an oil lamp. She sits at a table, on a richly patinated chair, with a stack of books behind her. The

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whole piece rests on an antique green marble base, itself supported by toupee-shaped feet.The round brass movement, with a spring and silk thread, boasts an eight-day power reserve and is in perfect working order, striking the hours and half-hours on a single bell. The enamel dial is signed "Leclerc à Bruxelles," and features Roman numerals and gilt Breguet-style hands.An identical version can be seen in: Ottomeyer and Proscell, "Vergoldete bronzen," p. 374, and E. Niehüser, "Die französische Bronzeuhr," p. 86.EUR3750