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Directoire Style Clock In Mercury-gilt Bronze, With Ears Of Wheat And A Frieze Of Putti, Circa 1800



3 400 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Length : 42 cm

Height : 54 cm

Depth : 11,5 cm

Description

An elegant Directoire period mantel clock, circa 1795-1805, in finely chased bronze, combining beautiful mercury gilding with patinated bronze, resting on a black marble base. The circular white enamel dial with Roman numerals is part of a balanced, architecturally structured composition, still influenced by Louis XVI style while foreshadowing the aesthetics of the early 19th century. The decoration, particularly representative of this period, features a rich motif of wheat ears symbolizing abundance, framed by finely worked vegetal scrolls, surmounted by a stylized bouquet. The base displays an elegant bas-relief frieze of putti inspired by antiquity, complemented by a central laurel wreath, reinforcing the overall neoclassical composition. The movement, known as the "Paris" movement,

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is equipped with a leaf suspension, a system already in use at the end of the 18th century, with a striking bell. It has been serviced by a clockmaker, ensuring its proper functioning. The clock is in very good condition. It should be noted, with transparency, that there is an old restoration to the marble at the right angle of the base, as well as two old restorations to the scrolls supporting the gilt-bronze ears of wheat, mainly visible on the back. These interventions are discreet and do not detract from the overall aesthetic of the piece. This is a fine decorative clock, characteristic of the Directoire style, sought after for the elegance of its lines and the richness of its symbolic decoration.