



Bust Of A Young Girl In Marble - Laure Coutan-montorgueil, France, Late 19th Century



2 400 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Marble

Description

White marble bust depicting a young girl with a delicately smiling face, characteristic of the refined work of French sculptor Laure Coutan-Montorgueil. The soft, lively expression of the eyes, combined with precise, subtle modeling, testifies to her perfect academic mastery inherited from the classical Parisian tradition. The wavy hair, elegantly held back by a ribbon, frames a face of great youthful freshness. The finely sculpted lace collar reveals remarkable attention to detail and material effects. This finesse in the rendering of textures - skin, fabric and hair - fully illustrates the naturalist aesthetic of the late 19th century. A typical work in the artist's output, renowned for her busts and female figures imbued with grace and elegance, this sculpture is in the tradition of idealized portraits,

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highly prized under the Second Empire and Third Republic. Presented on a marble base, this bust embodies both the period's bourgeois taste for representations of childhood and the expertise of an artist who enjoyed numerous public and private commissions at the turn of the century.