



Large Bronze Bowl, 19th Century, Italy, Grand Tour



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 36 cm

Height : 28 cm

Depth : 27 cm

Description

Large Italian bronze cup, souvenir of the Grand Tour, circa 1880. In the 19th century, large, often aristocratic families sent their young boys on the "Grand Tour", a journey across Italy to discover and learn about the arts. In fact, in the 19th century it was considered that the most beautiful works of art came from Italy, from antiquities onwards, and until the 19th century these young men were advised to visit temples, churches and excavations and to learn so as to come back with good taste. They were asked to prove this training by bringing back souvenirs, bronzes, jewels, ceramics, marble etc. The Italians took advantage of this, as these gentlemen represented good customers. With this in mind, they created, copied and reproduced "à l'antique" This bowl is inspired by a "Medici" model, but includes

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Etruscan warrior faces and Greek palmettes. It is in black patina bronze, 28cm high, 36cm wide and 27cm deep. It is presented on a black marble base, all in fine condition for a piece dating from circa 1880.