



Bronze Statue Of Musician Amédée Pellegrin By His Friend Jules Lebel In 1857



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Signature : Jules Lebel

Period : 19th century

Condition : En l'etat

Material : Bronze

Description

A charming statuette dated 1857 by the artist Jules Lebel depicting his friend, the musician Amédée Pellegrin. Few biographical details remain about the life and career of the sculptor Jules-Henri Lebel, a native of Paris. Active in the mid-19th century, his style is rooted in the tradition of realistic portraiture and salon sculpture. He was a student of the sculptors Mailland and Hébert and exhibited a work at the Salon of 1884. He distinguished himself in the modeling of busts and portraits, often using bronze for his castings. His few works demonstrate great technical mastery and a keen sense of psychological observation. The name of Jules Lebel is linked to that of Amédée Pellegrin, a prominent figure in the musical world of his time. Their relationship appears to have

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been marked by a strong and sincere friendship and mutual respect. As evidenced on the pedestal of the statuette, is the inscription "To my perfect friend Pellegrin. Jules Lebel, 1857." Amédée-André Pellegrin (Rabastens? 1821-Bordeaux 1887) was a French musician and violinist. Unlike the rigid style of official portraits, Lebel here opted for the style of caricature or the "portrait-caricature" popularized a few years earlier by artists like Daumier and Dantan. This is a precious record of bohemian life or the intellectual circles of the Second Empire, where artists enjoyed portraying their friends with humor and affection. Jules Lebel was a talented portraitist whose connection with Amédée Pellegrin illustrates the tradition of 19th-century artist circles where autographed works were exchanged to seal a friendship. Beautiful patina on the medal, possibly with a small chip at the tip of the right hand. Dimensions: base diameter: 9.7 cm; height: 20.7 cm