Leda And The Swan, Bronze Signed Mercier. Late 19th Century



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Signature : Mercier
Period : 19th century
Condition : Bon état
Material : Bronze
Length : 17 cm
Width : 28 cm
Height : 31 cm

Description

Signed by Antonin Merciér, a leading figure of 19th-century French academic sculpture, this work depicts the myth of Leda, Queen of Sparta, seduced by Zeus in the guise of a swan. The bronze is particularly noteworthy for its departure from classical rigidity: Merciér creates a unique, sinuous intertwining of the swan's neck and the female form, merging them into a single dynamic line that conveys a rare intimacy. Its distinctiveness lies in the contrast between the soft modeling of the skin and the intricate, calligraphic detail of the feathers--a superior technical execution that marks this version of the myth as a piece of significant artistic value (28 x 31 x 17 cm)

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