



Surrounding. Denis Chaudet - Buste De Napoleon En Hermes - Empire Period Lost Wax Cast Bronze



12 000 EUR

Signature : Entourage de Denis Chaudet ou son atelier

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Height : 48cm

Description

Bust of Napoleon I, Emperor in Hermes. Bronze with black-brown patina, lost-wax casting, titled Napoleon on the front. Surrounded by Denis Chaudet (1763-1810) or his workshop. An Empire period print. A month after the proclamation of the Empire, in Messidor of Year XII (1804), newspapers reported that plaster busts that life-size plaster busts of the Emperor, modeled by Chaudet, were available. The artist had just modified his 1802 bust by removing his harness and cloak to create the model of the bust of Napoleon as Hermes. This effigy, although not officially commissioned, met with great success and was reproduced in plaster, bronze, Sèvres porcelain and

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marble. Dominique Vivant Denon (1747-1825), the first director of the Musée Napoléon in the Louvre, had some fifteen bronzes cast in 1807 for the Empire's dignitaries of the Empire. Following this prestigious series it would appear that proofs of various sizes were made as gifts for less important figures, or for sale. Our bust is part of this series of so-called "medium-sized quality cast iron and chasing, cast around the time of the The bust of Napoleon as Hermes (antique-style bust on a quadrangular pillar) is a great classic among Empire enthusiasts, and has been the subject of numerous prints of varying quality. Our bust is a true Empire period print, a lost-wax casting and not a mechanical reproduction, with a beautiful black patina, extremely fine chasing (which can be measured by the details of the hair), and a large, spectacular print. Very good condition, even, well-preserved patina. Height 48cm