



Courlis - Pierre Jules Mene 1810-1879 Mêne



950 EUR

Signature : Pierre-Jules MENE Mêne 1810-1879

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Length : 4.9

Width : 1.4

Height : 3.1

Description

Dimensions : Height 3.1 cm Width : 4.9 cm Depth : 1.4 cm
Rarist piece. According to the catalog raisonné of Messrs Poletti and Richarme, this is an "unpublished model which appeared in pair the Curlew and the Crested Lapwing, appear to be seals or elements of decorative objects. They are the only bronzes we have listed, stamped PJ MÊNE". In the catalog raisonné, it is stipulated: unpublished model, only known proof. So that the one offered, would come in addition to the one in the Ishana Foundation collection. Pierre-Jules Mêne, one of the greatest masters of animal sculpture Pierre-Jules Mêne exhibited at the Salons from 1838 until his death, where his work an undeniable success. He accumulated gold medals Première et Deuxième classe, d'honneur Troisième classe... However, he was considered

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more of a decorator than a true artist. Not only did he not produce monumental sculptures, and self-publish his own animal bronzes, but he also sold them. This mercantile aspect and the lack of monumental works but ensured the fortune of the sculptor and his family. For the public had no such reservations, and his bronzes pleased and adorned more than one interior! On May 3, 1879, Hortense Mène passed away after a long illness. Pierre-Jules, not knowing how to live without his companion of over fifty years, breathed his last 21 days later, on May 20, at the age of 69 years old; The funeral of this celebrated artist attracts a large crowd. Despite the artist's death, his success continues unabated. His daughter Julie, wife of animal sculptor Auguste Cain, took over from her parents the publishing of her father's works. Awarded several times at the salons, he had been awarded the Légion d'Honneur in 1861.