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## Empire Period Portico Clock With Date Complication



5 000 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 50cm

Height : 68cm

### Description

Description: A refined and elegant French portico clock (pendule portique) dating from the early 19th century (Empire period). This exceptional timepiece, emblematic of the neoclassical taste of the era, is designed within an architectural structure of white marble, accented with elements of black marble and rich mercury-gilded bronze (ormolu). The clock rests on four subtle feet and is supported by two robust black marble columns, adorned with gilded bronze capitals and bases. The architectural composition is enriched at the front by two elegant female busts (caryatids) in ormolu flanking the dial. The piece is crowned by a majestic ormolu eagle, while two recumbent lions in patinated bronze flank the top, lending the piece a powerful, stately presence. A Complex Mechanism: Beyond its remarkable aesthetics,

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this clock houses a movement more complex than standard models of the period. The central enamel dial does not merely indicate the hours and minutes; it features a date complication (day of the month indicator). This horological complication is a testament to the superior craftsmanship and technical precision sought by master clockmakers of the era. The dial is surrounded by fine, openwork ormolu foliage motifs. It is equipped with a signature "sunburst" pendulum, which hangs freely between the columns to create a dynamic visual effect. The base of the clock is adorned with a finely chased ormolu frieze, depicting classical scenes and flanked by rosettes.