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French Mantelets Clock « la Bibliothèque » Circa 1830 Restauration Period



2 400 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Length : 28

Width : 18,5

Height : 45

Description

Elegant mantel clock in finely chased bronze with mercury gilding, illustrating the refined taste of the Restoration period for allegorical subjects inspired by education and the arts.Nicknamed "The Library", this model features two young readers seated on either side of a substantial piece of furniture lined with books. This composition symbolizes study, the transmission of knowledge and intellectual awakening from childhood. The delicate treatment of the faces, the naturalistic rendering of the drapery and the richness of the decoration testify to the quality of execution of this work.The circular dial with Roman numerals is integrated into a stylized bookcase whose shelves are filled with carefully detailed books. The whole rests on a circular base adorned with garlands in relief, underlining the harmony and

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balance of the composition.The remarkable mercury gilding, characteristic of high-end French production in the first third of the XIXe century, has retained all its depth and brilliance, highlighting the finesse of the chasing.The movement is in working order and accompanied by its key.Era: Restoration, circa 1830Origin: FranceMaterial: Mercury-gilt bronzeDimensions: H. 45 cm × W. 28 cm × D. 18.5 cmCondition: Very good condition, movement in working orderAccessories: Key presentA clock emblematic of French neoclassical taste, elegantly combining the art of watchmaking with a celebration of letters and knowledge.