



Masonic Pendulum



3 200 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Width : 21

Height : 33

Description

Clock with Masonic symbols, late 18th century, early 19th century. A rare and elegant clock in finely chiseled and gilded bronze, resting on a stepped rectangular base adorned with a lion's mask and hanging garlands. The whole is mounted on a molded wooden plinth accented with gilded bronze. The circular dial, a blue-ground cartouche enhanced with polychrome floral motifs, is surrounded by a rich gilded bronze frame decorated with leaves and flowers. It features enameled cartouches indicating the hours in Roman numerals. The openwork gilded bronze hands are of great finesse of execution. The top is crowned with an armillary sphere symbolizing universal knowledge and cosmic harmony. On either side of the base are several Masonic attributes, including the square,

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the compass, and measuring instruments, emblems of moral rectitude, wisdom, and spiritual perfection. This iconographic ensemble clearly places this clock within the tradition of productions inspired by Freemasonry that enjoyed great success in the late 18th century. Thanks to the quality of its gilding, the richness of its symbolic decoration, and the originality of its composition, this clock is a remarkable example of neoclassical decorative clockmaking linked to the Masonic world.