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Monumental Rooster In Glazed Terracotta, Signed J. Massier



950 EUR

Signature : Jerome MASSIER (1830-1916)

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Terracotta

Height : 40 cm

Description

Monumental rooster in polychrome glazed terracotta, signed Jérôme Massier - Vallauris AMVallauris, France - 19th century An exceptional animal sculpture depicting a farmyard rooster in a proud and vigorous pose, crafted from polychrome glazed terracotta and signed "J. Massier Vallauris AM" on the base.This spectacular work attests to the craftsmanship of the Vallauris workshops, a mecca of French artistic ceramics. The bird is depicted standing on a naturalistic pedestal evoking stylized foliage and rocks, accentuating its decorative character and sculptural presence.The particularly expressive rendering of the plumage reveals remarkable modeling work. The widely spread wings and tail are enhanced by deep glazes in shades of cobalt blue, emerald green, brown, and

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ivory, creating a striking contrast with the vermilion-red crest and ochre-yellow legs. The glazes feature rich running effects and nuances characteristic of Vallauris' artistic productions.The powerful silhouette of the rooster, a traditional symbol of France, is magnified by a luminous color palette and a glossy glaze that beautifully captures the light. The piece exudes a strong decorative presence and is a collector's item particularly sought after by enthusiasts of French ceramics.The handwritten signature "J. Massier Vallauris AM" visible on the base links this work to the prestigious ceramic tradition of the Massier family, which contributed significantly to Vallauris's artistic renown beginning in the late 19th century.CharacteristicsPolychrome glazed terracotta.Naturalistic decoration depicting a rooster.Glossy cobalt blue, green, brown, ivory, red, and yellow glazes.Entirely modeled in the round.Painted signature: J. Massier Vallauris AM.Made in Vallauris.In very good overall condition. Glazes are fresh and luminous. A few slight signs of wear consistent with the piece's age. With its imposing dimensions, the quality of its modeling, and the richness of its glazes, this rooster is a decorative work of the highest order. It will naturally find its place in a collection of Vallauris ceramics or a home with character... A rare and highly decorative piece, ideal for display on a console table, mantelpiece, or ceremonial furniture.It measures 40 CM in height and 43 CM in length.