



Empire Or Historicist (napoleon III) Style Desk Set Hans Muller

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Signature : Hans Muller (1873-1937)

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Marble

Width : 42

Height : 24

Depth : 23

Description

A magnificent desk set (monumental inkstand) in the Empire or Historicist (Napoleon III) style, featuring the figure of Napoleon Bonaparte as its central element. The set comprises three coordinated main components: The main base (a double inkstand featuring a bust and a pen tray). The matching letter opener. A separate blotter (or stamp/paper press).
Materials and Components
1. Giallo di Siena (or Numidian Yellow) Marble
The structural body and handles are crafted from a fine, veined marble in an ochre-yellow or golden hue. Given the veining and warm tone, it is highly likely to be Giallo di Siena marble, a material historically used for luxury furnishings and desk accessories. The base reveals characteristic natural veining and some hand-incised markings--likely period inventory or

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production numbers.2. Burnished and Gilt
Bronze/BrassThe metal details exhibit refined
two-tone craftsmanship, typical of high-quality
manufacture:Bust of Napoleon: Cast in bronze
with a warm, golden patina. It depicts the
Emperor with a stern, pensive gaze directed
downwards.Inkwells: The two flanking inkwells
feature a main body of dark, burnished metal
resting on a base decorated with repoussé
palmettes. The hinged lids are topped with a knob
shaped like a laurel wreath--the quintessential
Napoleonic symbol. Inside, they contain gilt
metal ink reservoirs. Perimeter friezes: The
marble base is embellished on three sides by a
gilt-bronze band, finely chased in relief with
scrolling foliate motifs, rosettes, and a central
classical-style mask.The same frieze decorates
the perimeter of the blotter.A crucial detail for
attribution is visible on the back of the Napoleon
bust in the images.The signature "H. Müller" is
clearly engraved.This almost certainly refers to
the German sculptor Hans Müller (Vienna
1873-1937), renowned for his portrait busts,
small bronze sculptures, and high-quality
decorative objects from the turn of the 20th
century.The set is in fair condition. The letter
opener has a broken handle.Inkstand
dimensions:42 cm by 23 cm, and 24 cm in height.