



Girolamo Ticciati (1679-1745) Marble Medallion Male Profile



3 200 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Marble

Width : 14,5

Height : 16,5

Depth : 4

Description

A marble medallion depicting a male profile bearing the inscription "GIROLAM TICCI S-F" for Girolamo Ticciati (Florence, 1679-1745). Girolamo Ticciati was a Florentine sculptor, man of letters, and architect. A protégé of Giovan Battista Foggini, he attended the Grand Ducal Tuscan Academy in Rome. Ticciati quickly established an international reputation while working in Vienna between 1708 and 1712 for Emperor Joseph I as a sculptor and architect. It was precisely this reputation--combined with the network of connections he had acquired through Foggini's workshop--that may have been one of the reasons for his rapid rise and his involvement in some of the most important sculptural projects in early 18th-century Florence. Beginning in 1737, he became a member of the Accademia

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della Colombaria under the name Sicuro--a circle of noble and literate friends, passionate about the past, founded to converse and exchange experiences; the name derives from the venue of their meetings, the dovecote of the tower at Palazzo Pazzi in Florence. The academics' meetings were conducted in the true spirit of encyclopedic scholarship, featuring presentations of Etruscan artifacts, manuscripts from various eras, inscriptions, coins, and discussions on history, art, philology, and philosophy. Ticciati, who in addition to his great monumental works also devoted himself assiduously to sophisticated decorative art for the home--including the production of medals--may have created this medallion to present to his friends at the Academy, or he may have had it made by one of his students; the inscription "Ticci S F (fecit)" at the bottom appears to identify the artist, and the "S" may refer to his pseudonym "Sicuro."

Portraits such as this are typical of the Italian Baroque period, and the technique used--relief on a medallion--draws inspiration directly from medal making and numismatic portraiture. The marble medallion is in excellent

condition. Dimensions H 16.5 cm L 14 cm, 5D: 4 cm

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