



"dancing Faun," Bronze - 19th Century



250 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Description

A charming depiction of a young dancing faun, this bronze sculpture draws its inspiration from Greco-Roman antiquity. The figure is portrayed in a lively and expressive movement, arms raised, as if caught in the midst of a Bacchic dance. The modeling retains a beautiful spontaneity, while the dark patina--punctuated by subtle signs of wear that reveal the bronze's golden highlights--emphasizes the sculpture's relief and attests to its age. Resting on its original molded base, this small decorative figure evokes the 19th-century taste for antiquity and the arts of the Renaissance, which inspired many European bronze sculptors. The Faun in Art History A traditional companion of Bacchus (Dionysus), the faun is a figure inherited from Roman mythology, closely related to the Greek satyr. An

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embodiment of nature, music, dance, and vitality, he frequently appears in ancient sculpture. In the 19th century, artists returned to these classical models. Small, classical-inspired bronze sculptures became very popular at that time and adorned libraries, cabinets of curiosities, and bourgeois interiors.

Characteristics
Period: 19th century
Material: Bronze with a dark brown patina
Subject: Dancing Faun
Height: approximately 11 cm
Base: molded bronze
Condition: in good overall condition, with an antique patina showing some signs of wear that add to the piece's charm.

Our Perspective
We particularly appreciate the energy of this small sculpture. Despite its small size, the movement is lively and the figure retains all its grace. The traces of wear on the patina subtly reveal the underlying bronze and lend the piece an authentic presence. An ideal decorative piece to enhance a library, a cabinet of curiosities, or a collection dedicated to antiquity and mythology.