



Grand Bronze Trophy - 1960 Rotterdam Floriade



1 300 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Bronze

Width : 42 cm

Height : 50 cm

Description

An important official trophy created for the first Dutch Floriade in 1960, the first international horticultural exhibition. This trophy consists of a large circular medallion in patinated bronze resting on a rectangular base of beige marble veined with pink. The obverse features a large relief composition dedicated to horticulture and abundance. Beneath a tree laden with fruit stand two allegorical figures: a seated woman holding a branch next to a basket of fruit, and a woman wearing a wreath of foliage and carrying a bouquet. Flowers and various plant elements complete this scene evoking cultivation, harvest, fertility, and reward. The Rotterdam Floriade, held from March 25 to September 25, 1960, was the first Dutch Floriade and the first international horticultural exhibition organized under the

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auspices of the Bureau International des Expositions. It was inaugurated by Princess Beatrix and welcomed approximately four million visitors. The Dutch National Photo Archives document, among other things, the official Floriade awards ceremony held at Rotterdam City Hall on January 20, 1961. However, the specific recipient of our trophy has yet to be identified. With its monumental dimensions, sculpted decoration on both sides, and marble base, this piece stands out distinctly from the small commemorative medals typically issued for the event. It serves both as a historical record of the first Floriade and as a beautiful decorative object representative of official European sculpture from the 1960s.