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Borghese Gladiator, Bronze Sculpture. France, 17th Century.



7 500 EUR

Signature : Entourage De Guillaume De Berthelot

Period : 17th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 34cm

Height : 48cm

Description

BORGHESE GLADIATOR - BRONZE

SCULPTURE France, early 17th century Artist:

Circle of Guillaume de Berthelot

(1580-1648)Description Bronze with a brown

patina, finely chiseled, depicting the famous

Borghese Gladiator, an iconic figure of heroic

antiquity. The work rests on an base of antique

black marble, whose simplicity highlights the

dynamic tension of the body and the anatomical

precision of the model.Dimensions Total height:

48 cm Height of the bronze: 34 cmHistorical

Context The ancient statue of the Borghese

Gladiator, a Hellenistic sculpture attributed to the

sculptor Agasias, was discovered in the early 17th

century near Nettuno, south of Rome. First

mentioned in 1611 during its restoration, it

quickly became one of the jewels of the Borghese

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collection. Interpretations of the figure varied over time: gladiator, boxer, discus thrower, Ajax, or Leonidas. Winckelmann saw it as a Greek hero rather than a gladiator, since gladiatorial combat did not exist in Agasias's time. This figure, a symbol of a heroic and virile Antiquity, inspired many sculptors from the 17th to the 19th century. Attribution Our bronze most likely comes from the workshop or circle of Guillaume de Berthelot, a French sculptor trained in Rome in the early 17th century. Berthelot studied and restored numerous antiquities, from which he drew much of his stylistic vocabulary. Upon his return to France in 1620, he became the official sculptor to Marie de Médicis, and later worked for Richelieu. His most prestigious commissions came from the Borghese family, which explains the widespread circulation of models inspired by their collections. Significance of the Work Since bronzes are by nature multiples, several versions of the Borghese Gladiator circulated among European workshops. A comparable version sold for EUR10,880 at Bonhams (see link below):

Borghese Gladiator Bronze -

Bonhams <https://www.bonhams.com/auction/28520/lot/37/figure-en-bronze-representant-le-gladiateur-borghese-entourage-de-guillaume-berthelot-1580-1648-france-after-the-antique-first-half-of-the-17th-century-bronze-figure-of-the-borghese-gladiator-circle-of-guillaume-berthelot-1580-1648-French-after-the-antique-first-half-17th-century/Related Works>

· Sotheby's 2005 - London, July 8, 2005, lot 59 · Private collection version -

Leithe-Jasper & Wengraf, op. cit., no. 35, fig. 1, p. 298 Sold with certificate of authenticity.