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Pair Of Obelisks With Antique-style Grand Tour Intaglios



780 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Terracotta

Height : 47

Description

Pair of large obelisks in the classical style. Terracotta with a trompe-l'oeil patina featuring a marbled design. Adorned with intaglios, medals, and cameos depicting profiles and classical motifs. Stucco or scagliola* casts of antiquities from the Grand Tour. Height 47 cm; Base 13 x 13 cm. Casts of intaglios and cameos. These semi-precious stones, meticulously carved in the flat (intaglios) or in relief (cameos), were admired and coveted since Antiquity. This craze reached its peak during the Neoclassical period in Rome. At the end of the 18th century, workshops such as the Paoletti workshop, located at 49 Piazza di Spagna, produced molds made of glass paste based on originals preserved in the most famous collections. These molds allowed them

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to mass-produce impressions in scagliola (a type of plaster or stucco) intended for travelers, collectors, artists, and other enthusiasts passing through Rome. Grand Tour. An aristocratic educational journey through Europe undertaken by young men of high society from the 17th to the 19th century.