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18th-century Bench Tool: Jeweller's Or Watchmaker's "third Hand", Gunsmith-quality Iron And Bra



275 EUR

Signature : Art Populaire

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Wrought iron

Width : 10cm

Height : 25cm

Depth : 2cm

Description

A fine craftsman's tool, this so-called "third hand" was designed to be secured to a workbench. It enabled a jeweller or watchmaker to hold a small, delicate workpiece in the bird's beak, which acts as a spring-loaded clamp mounted on a pivot, leaving both hands free for precise work. More specialised versions of this type of "third hand" were also used by seamstresses. Our example is hand-forged in polished steel. The clamping screw is fitted with an elegant key featuring a turned base with beaded decoration. The column supporting the bird incorporates turned brass elements and a central collar. The bird, cast in bronze or brass in two parts, is fitted with a powerful spring. Both functional and particularly elegant, the piece displays fine ironwork and craftsmanship. Probably Louis XVI period, 18th

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