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Gilded Bronze Spaniel Setter Lying On Green Marble By Christophe Fratin (1801-1864)

300 EUR



Signature : Christophe FRATIN (1801-1864)

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Length : bronze 13.5 cm socle 16 cm

Width : bronze 6 cm socle 8 cm

Height : bronze 5.6 cm socle 2.2 cm

Description

Reclining dog, head slightly raised, gilded bronze sculpture by Christophe FRATIN (1801-1864).

Biography: "Christophe Fratin first trained under his father, a taxidermist, who taught him the basics of anatomy. Later, as a student of Théodore Géricault, he enjoyed a brilliant career in Paris, where he exhibited at the Salon from 1831 until his death. He demonstrated a particular fondness for animal subjects, especially horses and equestrian groups. Critical reviews were numerous and often laudatory, portraying Fratin as Barye's "formidable rival." He also devoted himself to small-scale sculpture, depicting wild and domestic animals (a total of more than 600 models). Among them were bears and anthropomorphic monkeys, which became his specialty. Although never exhibited at the Salon,

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these works nevertheless enjoyed great commercial success throughout the 19th century and beyond. After moving to England between 1833 and 1834, his success quickly became international. The sculptor created large Romantic groups in Germany, in Potsdam at the Sanssouci and Babelsberg palaces, where some are still preserved; he even went so far as to exhibit his works in St. Petersburg, where they adorned the Russian emperor's park.

His participation in the 1851 exhibition in London earned him a medal and great renown. He is regarded as one of the most important sculptors of his time. Since he did not have his own foundry, his bronzes were cast by the Susse brothers, and later by Daubrée. Many of his models were also created in terracotta. "The bronze is in good condition. SHIPPING

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