



Bronze Bust Of King Francis I Of France By Paul Melin, In The Renaissance "salamander" Style



670 EUR

Signature : Paul Melin (19ème)

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Height : 25

Description

A bronze statuette with a dark antique green patina depicting King Francis I, a friend and patron of Leonardo da Vinci. Sculpted by Paul Melin*, our example is unsigned, but an identical bust in white marble was sold at Piasa in Paris (sold for EUR1,300). This sculpture depicts the king in an unadorned, smiling pose; our example has minor imperfections in the patina and a small dent in a corner at the back. *Paul Melin (or Mélin) was a French sculptor active in the 19th century, known for his marble and bronze sculptures in the academic and classical styles. Notable works and awards: Narcissus: a remarkable marble statue by Paul Melin (exhibited under lot number 3330), for which he received a third-class medal and a travel grant. Adam and Eve Expelled from Paradise: a

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large marble sculpture (approximately 190 cm tall) depicting Adam and Eve, offered at art and antiques auctions and estimated at between 6,000 and 9,000EUR. Bust of Francis I featuring a smiling face with a mischievous gaze; the piece was acquired by the City of Le Havre in 1925. The original lost-wax bronze was exhibited in 1914 at the Salon of the Société des Artistes Français. Note: A dentate bust is housed at the Laval Museum. It is dated 1912 Teaching Studio: He directed a sculpture studio in Paris where students, such as the architect and sculptor Abraham Lucien Fernandez-Patto, trained in modeling. Shipping by chronopost or colissimo for : France 30EUR Europe 60EUR Others 100EUR