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Pair Of Busts Of Voltaire And Rousseau In Patinated Bronze, Marble, And Knurled Brass - Late 18th C



880 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Height : 20cm

Description

An elegant pair of busts depicting the philosophers Voltaire and Jean-Jacques Rousseau, dating from the late 18th century or the very early 19th century. Both figures are cast in bronze with a beautiful dark brown patina, each resting on a knurled pedestal, which in turn is mounted on a gray marble column. The columns rest on knurled brass bases, adorned with delicate decorative chains, lending the ensemble a distinctly neoclassical elegance. The sculptural work is particularly meticulous, especially in the rendering of the faces, hair, and clothing. The chiseling, fine and vigorous, features highly precise details with particularly vivid reliefs, attesting to the high quality of the craftsmanship. The knurled brass elements--characteristic of the Louis XVI style

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and still widely used during the Empire period--feature a refined decoration that contributes to the elegance of these frames. The combination of dark-patinated bronze, gray marble, and brass ornamentation creates a harmonious contrast, particularly representative of the decorative arts of this period. This pair of busts, dedicated to two leading figures of Enlightenment thought, forms a beautiful decorative ensemble, representative of the Neoclassical taste for philosophers and men of letters. In good overall condition, with a lovely antique patina and subtle signs of age, consistent with the pieces' age.

Characteristics: Period: late 18th - very early 19th century
Subject: Voltaire and Jean-Jacques Rousseau
Materials: patinated bronze, gray marble, and knurled brass
Mountings: knurled pedestals and bases, decorative chains
Height: 20 cm for each piece
Condition: in excellent condition, original patina
Sold exclusively as a pair

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