Louis XVI Mantel Clock, Signed "schmit à Paris"



3 800 EUR

Signature : Mouvement signé Schmit à Paris

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Width : 25 cm

Height : 42 cm

Depth : 14,5 cm

Description

A rare Louis XVI-period gilt-bronzemantel clock, supported by four scrolled brackets resting on a flutedbase.The top is crowned by an antique-styleincense burner, topped with a bouquet of flowers, grapes, and vineleaves.The dial, signed "Schmit àParis," is flanked by mounts featuring lion muzzles holdingdrapery--a decorative motif that is repeated on the base and theantique-style vase.The finely pierced hands indicate theminutes in Arabic numerals and the hours in Roman numerals.The movement, fully serviced by ourhorologist, is in perfect working order. It features a silk-threadsuspension and strikes the hours and half-hours.The clockmaker Jean-Nicolas Schmit wasone of the most prominent Parisian horologists of the late 18thcentury. He was admitted as a master

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clockmaker in August 1781 andestablished his workshop on Rue Béthisy. The high quality of hismovements led him to become the primary supplier for the Ducd'Angoulême's manufactory--Dihl et Guérhard--providing themechanisms for most of the clocks produced by the firm.Dimensions: H. 42 cm x W. 25 cm x D.14.5 cmParisian craftsmanshipHigh-quality bronze gildingSigned "Schmit à Paris"(Jean-Nicolas Schmit, admitted as master clockmaker in August 1781)Late 18th century