Bronze Bust Of An Elderly Voltaire - After Houdon - 19th Century



280 EUR

Signature : Jean-Antoine Houdon

Period : 19th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Bronze

Width : 5,5

Height : 10

Depth : 5,5

Description

Bronze bust of an elderly Voltaire - After Houdon - 19th century After Jean-Antoine Houdon (1741-1828)Elderly VoltaireA charming small bronze bust with a brown medal-like patina depicting an elderly Voltaire, his face slightly turned, his hair held back by a headband, and his shoulders draped in the classical style.This depiction is inspired by the famous portraits of Voltaire created by Jean-Antoine Houdon in the late 1770s.Houdon met the philosopher in 1778, during his triumphant return to Paris, a few weeks before his death. He then created several portraits that were immensely successful and helped preserve for posterity the features of the great Enlightenment writer.The sculptor opted for a particularly vivid depiction, capturing the philosopher's age-marked features, penetrating

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gaze, and mischievous expression.Bronze cast with medal patina, late 19th-early 20th century.Dimensions: H. 10 × W. 5.5 × D. 5.5 cm.