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Engraving Depicting Voltaire By E. Ficquet, After De La Tour, 1762



75 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Paper

Length : 18 cm

Height : 22 cm

Depth : 2,3 cm

Description

Engraving depicting Voltaire, engraved by Etienne Ficquet (a renowned engraver and master of 18th-century engraved miniatures). It is based on the famous pastel portrait by Maurice Quentin de La Tour. At the bottom is the inscription "De La Tour pinx. 1736," and opposite, on the other side, "E. Ficquet Sculp. 1762." " In the center, beneath the portrait of the man of letters, there is a tribute in Latin within the cartouche: "Post genitis hic carus erit nunc carus amicis" (meaning "He will be dear to future generations just as he is now to his friends"). This verse, composed especially for Voltaire by his partner Émilie du Châtelet, is indicated by the inscription "by M. la M. du Châtelet."The painting also features the symbolic attributes of literary, artistic, and philosophical glory (the trumpet of Fame, the

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lyre, and the laurel wreath). Mounted under glass.
Gilded wood frame. Condition: generally good
(see photos) Dimensions: 22 x 18 cm