"la Toilette" Clock - Empire Period



4 500 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 24

Height : 42

Depth : 12

Description

A rare Empire-period clock made of finely chiseled and gilded bronze.The clock features a bronze tub-shaped basin with a brown patina and a fluted rim. It rests on two claw feet. The basin is decorated with two butterflies and, on the sides, a mask of Apollo with butterfly wings.The decoration is fully in keeping with the ornamental style of the Empire period, directly inspired by antiquity.The scene depicts a young boy grooming himself, seated before a fountain modeled after ancient designs. He is washing his feet, holding a sponge and towel in his hands, and sitting on a stool in front of a mirror surmounted by a pediment adorned with a flame, a heart, a quiver, and a bow. Water from a fountain flows into a basin. The fountain is made of gilded bronze. It is decorated with butterflies--symbols

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of the Empire period--and applied winged female heads, mythological figures whose spread wings and hairstyles evoke the protective spirits of nature.The shuttle-shaped base is accented by a frieze of hearts and palmettes, separated by arrows. It rests on four ball-shaped feet.Original spring-driven movement, serviced by a clockmaker, with a balance wheel and winding key.