Brass Incense Burner Engraved With Calligraphy, Middle East, 19th Century, Islamic Art



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Signature : Art Islamique

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Brass

Diameter : 19,5 cm - 7,5"

Height : 30,5 cm - 12"

Description

Chiseled brass tabletop incense burner, with a wide, chalice-shaped opening,originating from the Middle East,dating from the 19th century.More photos or video available upon request.The wide, bulbous body features four large rosettes.Each features Arabic calligraphy, with a different text on each.The base and neck also feature beautifully executed calligraphy.A fine braided band separates the lower part of the neck from the body.An old (high-quality) tin restoration is visible beneath the braided band.Numerous decorative elements, including foliage and scrollwork, complete the design.The piece is of high quality and has a beautiful patina.These objects were used to burn all kinds of incense to perfume the air but also, and above all, to dispel miasmas.During the Muslim

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dynasties, these marvelous antique brass and copper pieces were a prominent alternative to silver and enjoyed the same status.The color whose symbolism is easiest to understand is gold.Its associations with the sun and gold have made it an emblem of divine power, perfection, and majesty.These objects were undoubtedly once the centerpieces of homes and palaces.The resemblance of the neck and body to a large mosque lamp mounted on a pedestal is striking (see photo).The same type of opening is found on blown-glass goblets from the 10th and 11th centuries.The last photos show incense burners available in our Proantic gallery.Dimensions: Height: 30.5 cm (12")Diameter: 19.5 cm (7.5") for the body, 16.5 cm (6.5") for the neck, 11.5 cm (4.5") for the base,weighing 1,334 g Minimal signs of wear due to age## For any inquiries, you can reach me at 06 13 36 09 30 or winsteinprovence@gmail.comFREE SHIPPING TO FRANCE 0EUR / EUROPE 25EUR / WORLD 50EURwww.winsteinprovence.com## Text and photos by Winstein, all rights reservedref winstein 1183