Wmf Table Mirror In Silver-plated Bronze; Marked "wmfm I/o As"



3 300 EUR

Signature : WMF

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 33cm

Height : 47

Description

Rare Art Nouveau table mirror by WMF, circa 1895-1903An exceptional tabletop mirror, adorned with finely detailed relief motifs depicting a dragonfly, a fish, a snake, and stylized irises.The refined design combines Art Nouveau floral forms with influences from Chinese and Japanese art. The original beveled mirror and its silver-plated back are in excellent condition.An extremely rare collector's item, dating from the early years of the German Art Nouveau movement.Art Nouveau table mirror by WMFGeislingen, circa 1898Marked "WMFM i/o as"Height 47 cmWidth 33 cmThe finely detailed relief motifs depicting a dragonfly, a fish, a snake, and irises reflect the influence of Chinese and Japanese art on early Art Nouveau. The original beveled mirror and its silver-plated

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backing are in excellent condition.This WMF table mirror, adorned with an elegant Art Nouveau-style iris motif, dates from the period between 1895 and 1903. It is extremely rare. To date, only one example is known to exist.The manufacturer's hallmarks allow the mirror to be dated with great precision."as" denotes the "Antique Silver" finish. After silver plating, the object underwent a chemical treatment--often sulfur-based--designed to artificially darken the recesses of the iris flowers through oxidation. This treatment accentuates the depth and contrasts of the raised details while highlighting the lines of the floral design.The design features the asymmetrical, whip-like curves and organic plant forms characteristic of the height of German Art Nouveau around 1900. WMF contributed significantly to the spread of Art Nouveau in Germany and far beyond its borders.WMFM is the main hallmark, consisting of the letters WMF followed by an additional "M." It refers to the Württembergische Metallwarenfabrik in Geislingen an der Steige. The additional "M," which is very rarely found, suggests that the piece was made before 1903.I/O indicates the thickness of the silver plating (1 gram per dm^2).