Bronze "sphinx"



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Period : 18th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Bronze

Length : 15cm

Width : 5cm

Height : 10,5cm

Description

Exceptional bronze sphinx with a brown patina ...A very beautiful bronze sculpture depicting a reclining sphinx--with a woman's head and a lion's body--in a resting pose.It is remarkable for the quality of its modeling and the finesse of its details: finely striated hair, a delicate face, ornamental decoration chiseled on the bust, and carefully rendered anatomy.This bronze features a beautiful, deep brown--almost black--patina, enlivened by striking reliefs that particularly highlight the sculpture's richness.The piece is cast in hollow bronze and features a particularly interesting transverse mounting system.It comes with its original metal rod, approximately 6 cm long, which fits into a hole running through the body.This mechanism is reminiscent of "transverse core pins," used in certain traditional

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casting techniques to secure the inner core.The sculpture rests on an elegant, molded rectangular base from the Napoleon III period (1850-1870), predating the creation of the bronze.A distinctive piece, combining the quality of cast iron, technical interest, and a beautiful decorative presence, intended for serious collectors of antique bronzes and curiosities.