



Barbedienne, Oriental Style Gilded Bronze Box

580 EUR



Signature : Ferdinand Barbedienne

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Diameter : 10,3 cm

Description

A very fine Oriental style gilded bronze box by Ferdinand Barbedienne.

France

circa 1880

height 8 cm

diameter 10,3 cm

A very fine Oriental style box, made in gilded bronze, decorated with entrelacs, stylized flowers and foliage. Preserved with its original gilding.

Biography

Born in 1810, Ferdinand Barbedienne started at n°30 boulevard Poissonnière in Paris one of the most famous 19th century artistic bronze casting companies. He died in 1892. In addition to his

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personal production, he worked for famous artists such as Auguste Clésinger (1814-1883), Albert-Ernest Carrier-Belleuse (1824-1887) and Louis Barrias (1841-1905). At the London Universal Exhibition of 1862, Barbedienne exhibited some « cloisonné » enamel works, which were for most of them designed by Constant Sévin, and won medals in three different categories : Furniture, Silversmith work and Artistic bronzes, combining for some pieces with enamels (Oriental style cup, Château de Compiègne, Inv. C 71-122). Barbedienne's production was always highly esteemed and he was, himself admired by contemporary art critics who compared him during the 1878 Universal Exhibition to a « prince of industry and the king of bronze-casting ».