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Guillaume Dupré Barthélemy Prieur Henri IV & Marie De Medicis Bronze Bust Small Nature XVIII



4 800 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Dans un état parfait

Width : 16 cm et 14,9 cm

Height : 24,2 et 24,3

Description

<p>GUILLAUME DUPRÉ & BARTHÉLEMY PRIEUR HENRI IV & MARIE DE MEDICIS BRONZE BUST LITTLE NATURE XVIIIth In perfect condition sublime cast late 18th early 19th Dimensions just Henri IV Height 24.2 cm Width 16 cm Dimensions just of Marie de Medici 24.3 cm Width 14.9 cm Rare pair of very fine carved bronzes representing the King of France Henry IV and Marie de Medici, also known as Henry the Great, first King of the Bourbon dynasty. The busts, intended to glorify the King and the Queen. Barthélemy Prieur produced several versions of the busts, depicting the king either as a bare-breasted hero or as a great military leader wearing a Roman or contemporary breastplate. These busts were usually accompanied by matching busts of the Queen, Mary de 'Medici,</p>
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dressed in a classic dress or exquisite court costume. From Prieur's personal post-mortem inventory, we know that he had made several small portraits in the form of busts of the king and queen. Today, the best-known existing versions are those of the Louvre, LACMA and the Ashmolean Museum. Henry IV commissioned Prior to not only create these busts, but had him create a whole series of sculptures, representing himself and Queen Marie de Medici as part of his project to consolidate his power through the dissemination of their images.

. We know that Prieur often worked in collaboration with his son-in-law, the sculptor and medalist Guillaume Dupré, and it is presumed that the latter helped Prieur to make these busts. Prior and his workshop finally cast numerous copies of the busts ensuring the wider dissemination envisaged of the image of the king.

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