



Jerome Martinot Wall Clock In Paris



12 500 EUR

Signature : Martinot À PARIS

Period : 18th century

Condition : L'horloge est en excellent et parfait état de fonctionnement.

Material : Bronze

Width : 41 cm

Height : 110 cm

Depth : 19 cm

Description

We are honored to present this striking 18th-century French wall clock, a profound testament to the exquisite craftsmanship, refined aesthetic, and unparalleled technical prowess that defined French horology during the Age of Enlightenment. Attributed to the esteemed clockmaker Jerome Martinot, a name synonymous with the zenith of Parisian precision and artistic innovation, this exceptional timepiece showcases a harmonious synthesis of sculptural form, intricate decoration, and reliable function. The Splendor of Rococo Design and Masterful Gilding: The clock is presented within a classic serpentine case, a silhouette emblematic of the dynamic, asymmetrical, and curvilinear forms that characterized the sophisticated Louis XV Rococo style. The case is meticulously cast in

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gilded bronze, a luxurious material whose surface bursts with a profusion of intricate details, including fluid acanthus leaf motifs, delicate rocaille ornamentation, and precise beading. This elaborate ornamentation, a hallmark of the period's decorative arts, vividly reflects the opulent tastes of the French aristocracy and the exceptional skill of the bronziers who executed such complex works. The circular white enamel dial, a paragon of clarity and legibility, is elegantly adorned with crisp Roman numerals and features graceful blued steel hands, providing a timeless and distinguished display. The clock is completed by its likely original, matching bracket, which not only provides structural support but further enhances its overall presentation and integrated aesthetic.

Precision Movement and Distinguished Provenance: At its heart, this magnificent clock houses a robust eight-day movement, a testament to the enduring quality and sophisticated engineering characteristic of 18th-century French horological advancements. It strikes the hour and half-hour on its bell, producing a melodious and resonant chime that once gracefully punctuated the refined atmosphere of the era's most elegant salons. We are pleased to confirm that the clock is in excellent and perfect working order. Furthermore, to ensure its continued accuracy and longevity, it has recently undergone comprehensive cleaning and maintenance by a professional watchmaker specializing in museum-grade preservation. The clock is delivered complete with its pendulum, its winding key, and its original bell.

Key Selling Points & Unrivaled Collector's Value: Attributed to Jerome Martinot: The attribution to the esteemed clockmaker Jerome Martinot confers significant historical authenticity, importance, and a highly desirable provenance, making this timepiece a rare and valuable acquisition.

Quintessential 18th-Century French Horology: This piece stands as a prime example of the artistic and technical zenith achieved during the "Golden Age" of French clockmaking,

embodying the innovative designs and intricate craftsmanship for which this period is celebrated. Exquisite Gilt Bronze Work: The extensive and masterful use of high-quality gilt bronze throughout the intricately cast case bestows an unparalleled level of luxury and sophistication, truly reflecting the opulent tastes of the era's elite patrons. Intricate Rococo Detailing: The clock's rich and fluid details, including the signature rocaille ornamentation, gracefully flowing acanthus leaf motifs, and subtle beading, unequivocally demonstrate the exceptional skill and artistic vision of the artisans involved, showcasing the finest aspects of Louis XV Rococo design. Fully Functional & Professionally Maintained: Its superb working order, combined with recent professional museum-standard maintenance, ensures not only its immediate enjoyment but also its long-term preservation as a historically significant artifact. Prime Collector's Piece: As a genuinely fine example of 18th-century French horology, boasting distinguished attribution, exquisite materials, and excellent condition, this clock represents a valuable and highly sought-after addition to any discerning collection, promising a sound investment.