



## 19th Century Boulle Wall Clock



15 000 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 50 cm

Height : 139 cm

Depth : 26 cm

### Description

We are delighted to present this magnificent wall clock, a superb example of 18th-century French craftsmanship, comprising two distinct parts: the clock case itself and its complementary wall bracket. This piece is a testament to the exuberant and asymmetrical beauty of the Rococo style (Louis XV period), showcasing an unparalleled mastery of design and execution. The Striking Violin-Shaped Case and Gilt Bronze Adornments:

The arched clock case is exquisitely shaped like a violin body, a highly distinctive and elegant form that sets this cartel apart. The case rests on four S-shaped legs wrapped in finely detailed gilt bronze, which are gracefully joined at the front and back by an intricate scrollwork frieze of gilt bronze. The body of the case is crafted from

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blackened wood on the lower and upper closed parts of the sides, providing a dramatic contrast to the brilliant gilded elements. The front of the case features a large window, also in the distinctive shape of a violin body. The upper part of this window elegantly houses the clock drum, while the lower section allows an unobstructed view of a richly decorated panel. The entire front of the case, along its outer rim and the window's edge, is sumptuously surrounded by gilt bronze mounts. Among these, the most striking are the classical mask prominently featured at the top and two smaller masks mounted symmetrically on either side, adding a touch of allegorical grandeur.

**The Dial: A Masterpiece of Horology:**

The large, complex dial is a study in precision and artistry. It features an outer ring with Roman numerals for hours, an inner ring with Arabic numerals for minutes, and even smaller numerals within, allowing for precise timekeeping. The center of the dial is richly decorated, indicating the exceptional quality of its movement.

**A Pinnacle of Rococo Design and Craftsmanship:**

This cartel clock, with its dynamic curves, luxurious materials, and intricate detailing, epitomizes the Louis XV style. It combines sculptural elements with precise horology, reflecting the period's pursuit of graceful asymmetry, lively ornamentation, and technical excellence. Such a piece would have been a prized possession in the most fashionable Parisian salons, designed to impress and delight.

**Key Selling Points & Unrivaled Collector's**

**Value:** Exceptional Rococo (Louis XV) Style: A

quintessential example of 18th-century French

Rococo, celebrated for its dynamic forms,

elaborate ornamentation, and elegant

asymmetry.

**Unique Violin-Shaped Case:** The

highly distinctive and beautifully rendered

violin-body shape of both the case and its

window is a rare and captivating design

**feature.** Original Gilt Bronze: The extensive use of

finely cast and chased gilt bronze (likely

mercury-gilded, or bronze doré), highlights the

superb craftsmanship and luxurious nature of the piece. Dramatic Contrast: The interplay between the dark ebonized wood and the brilliant gilt bronze creates a striking visual impact. Intricate Details: Features include S-shaped legs, scrollwork friezes, and expressive masks, all executed with the highest level of artistic skill. High-Quality Horological Movement: The complex dial with dual numeral types and the overall design suggest a high-quality movement, making it a valuable timekeeper as well as a decorative art piece. Complete with Wall Bracket: The presence of its original matching wall bracket enhances its authenticity and display potential. Investment Opportunity: As a rare, high-quality, and historically significant example of 18th-century French decorative arts, this cartel clock represents a prime acquisition for discerning collectors.