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## A Napoleon III Style Mantel Clock



10 000 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 53 cm

Diameter : 10 cm

Height : 83 cm

Depth : 25 cm

### Description

Royal Antique is proud to present this magnificent mantel clock, an exemplary piece embodying the grandeur and refined aesthetic of the Napoleon III period in France. This captivating timepiece showcases a harmonious blend of classical influences and the exquisite contemporary craftsmanship characteristic of this opulent era. Iconic Design and Symbolic

**Highlights:** Triumphant Figural Sculpture: The clock is majestically surmounted by a bronze sculpture depicting a commanding military figure, likely a celebrated general or admiral. He stands triumphantly, holding a billowing flag and a formidable sword, powerfully symbolizing victory, military might, and imperial conquest. The dynamic pose and intricate detailing of the sculpture add a profound sense of drama and

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grandeur to the entire piece. Luxurious Malachite

**Base:** The clock rests upon a substantial and visually striking base crafted from malachite, a highly prized semi-precious stone renowned for its deep emerald green color and mesmerizing intricate veining. This malachite base provides a luxurious foundation, beautifully complementing the rich bronze sculpture and ormolu

**mounts.** **Ornate Bronzework (Ormolu):** The clock features meticulously crafted bronzework throughout, including exquisite ormolu mounts and decorative accents. The detailing is finely executed, showcasing the superior craftsmanship prevalent during the period. The clock face, likely enameled, features elegant Roman numerals, adding to its classic aesthetic. **Emblematic**

**Military Motif:** The pervasive military theme, evident in the central figure of the general and the inclusion of various martial symbols on the base, serves as a strong visual homage to the military triumphs of Napoleon III and the lavish grandeur of the Second French Empire. **Style, Period, and**

**Exceptional Condition:** The distinctive design elements, including the monumental figural sculpture, the lavish use of malachite, and the overt military motifs, are unequivocally indicative of the Napoleon III style. This opulent period, spanning from 1852 to 1870, witnessed a significant revival of interest in classical forms and an emphatic focus on luxury, grandeur, and imperial display. The style was profoundly influenced by the military achievements of Napoleon III and the extravagant opulence of his court. **The clock is in excellent and perfect**

**working condition.** It has been meticulously cleaned and professionally maintained by a watchmaker specializing in museum-quality horological preservation. It features an eight-day movement and strikes every half hour and on the hour on its bell. The clock is delivered complete with its pendulum, key, and bell. **Overall**

**Impression:** This Napoleon III mantel clock is a truly captivating piece that would make a stunning and historically resonant addition to any

distinguished collection or a grand interior. It represents a sophisticated blend of artistic vision and master craftsmanship, exquisitely reflecting the opulence, military pride, and refinement of the Second Empire era.