



Empire Style 19th Century Mantel Clock



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Marble

Width : 27 cm

Diameter : 11 cm

Height : 48 cm

Depth : 12 cm

Description

Royal Antique is proud to present this exceptionally elegant and imposing mantel clock, a quintessential representation of the Empire style in France. This magnificent timepiece embodies a harmonious fusion of classical influences and the unparalleled craftsmanship characteristic of its era, reflecting the grandeur and imperial ambitions of Napoleon's reign.

Architectural Design and Symbolic Adornment: Classical Architectural Form: The clock's design is deeply inspired by classical architecture, presenting itself as a miniature temple. It features a central circular clock face elegantly framed by two substantial, fluted columns, meticulously crafted from a striking polychrome marble, likely a Rosso Antico or similar verdant variety, which provides a rich visual contrast. These columns majestically

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support a sculpted pediment. Luxurious Marble

Base: The entire clock ensemble rests upon a substantial, rectangular base, crafted from the same fine-grained, richly veined polychrome marble. This opulent foundation provides a visually commanding and stable platform, perfectly complementing the bronze

accents. Exquisite Bronzework (Ormolu): The clock is profusely adorned with intricate gilt bronze (ormolu) mounts and decorative accents.

The detailing is executed with remarkable precision, showcasing the exceptional skill of the period's bronziers, including a prominent drapery swag below the dial and classical applications throughout the structure. Iconic Nautical Motif:

The pediment is strikingly surmounted by a finely sculpted gilt bronze representation of a ship in full sail. This potent nautical motif serves as a direct and powerful reference to Napoleon's maritime ambitions and the overarching military might and grandeur of the First French

Empire. Enamel Dial: The clock face, likely crafted from pristine white enamel, features clear Roman numerals, contributing to the clock's classical aesthetic and ensuring legibility. Below the dial, a radiant sunburst pendulum is prominently displayed. Style and Historical

Significance: The distinctive design elements--including its architectural form, the luxurious use of polychrome marble, and the symbolic nautical motif--are unequivocally indicative of the high Empire style. This illustrious period, spanning from 1804 to 1815, witnessed a profound revival of interest in classical forms, coupled with an emphatic focus on imperial grandeur and military

prowess. Overall Impression: This mantel clock is a captivating objet d'art that would undoubtedly serve as a stunning focal point in any distinguished collection or a grand interior. It represents a sophisticated synthesis of artistic vision and master craftsmanship, exquisitely reflecting the opulence and refined elegance of the Empire style.

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