The Fireplace Clock Under Napoleon III



3 000 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Bronze

Width : 30 cm

Diameter : 9 cm

Height : 47 cm

Depth : 21 cm

Description

Royal Antique is proud to present this elegant and imposing fireplace clock, which exemplifies the grandeur and refined aesthetic of the Napoleon III period in France. The clock showcases a harmonious blend of classical influences and contemporary craftsmanship, characteristic of this era.Design Highlights:Figural Sculpture: Apollo with the Lyre: The clock is majestically surmounted by a patinated bronze sculpture of a male figure, likely a mythological deity or a representation of Apollo, the Greek god of music and the arts. The figure is depicted seated on the clock drum, playing a lyre, adding a touch of artistic and intellectual gravitas to the piece.Verde Antico Marble Base: The clock rests on a substantial base crafted from fine-grained Verde Antico marble, a verdant variety known for its

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rich green tones and intricate veining. The marble base provides a luxurious foundation and beautifully complements the bronze sculpture.Ornate Bronzework: The clock features intricate bronzework, including the gilt bronze drum case, supporting elements, and decorative accents. The detailing is finely executed, showcasing the superior craftsmanship of the period.Enamelled Porcelain Dial: The clock face is crafted from white enameled porcelain and elegantly decorated with Roman numerals. The hands are gilded and delicately curved, adding a touch of refinement to the overall design.Neoclassical Influences and Period Style:The overall design, with its emphasis on classical forms and mythological imagery, reflects the strong Neoclassical influences prevalent during the Napoleon III era. The design elements, including the figural sculpture, the use of marble, and the ornate bronzework, are indicative of the Napoleon III style. This period, spanning from 1852 to 1870, saw a revival of interest in classical forms and a focus on luxury and grandeur.Movement Details and Condition:Eight-Day Pendulum Movement: The clock houses an eight-day pendulum movement. It strikes the hour and half-hour on its bell.Excellent Working Order: The clock is in excellent and perfect working condition. It was recently cleaned and serviced by a professional clockmaker specializing in museum maintenance in Poland. The clock is delivered complete with its pendulum, key, and bell.Overall Impression:This fireplace clock is a captivating piece that would make a stunning centerpiece for any grand salon or library. It represents a sophisticated blend of artistry and craftsmanship, reflecting the opulence and refinement of the Napoleon III era.