



19th Century Mantel Clock Louis XV Period



7 500 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 48 cm

Diameter : 22 cm

Height : 105 cm

Depth : 22 cm

Description

Royal Antique is proud to present this exceptional mantel clock, a stunning example of 18th-century French craftsmanship, embodying the opulence and refinement characteristic of the Rococo or early Transitional period. This magnificent timepiece showcases a masterful fusion of lavish gilt bronze and exquisite vernis Martin, resulting in a piece that is both visually striking and historically significant.

Case and Ornamentation: Luxurious Materials: The clock case is crafted primarily from finely cast and gilded bronze, boasting a gleaming surface enhanced by its protective gilding. The sides of the case feature vernis Martin panels in rich red and black, simulating exotic wood and creating a striking contrast with the radiant gilt bronze.

Exuberant Gilt Bronze Adornments: The

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clock is richly embellished with sculptures and ornaments in the quintessential French Rococo style. The case's curvilinear form is adorned with intricate detailing, including playful putti (cherubs) amidst scrolling acanthus leaves, classical garlands, and floral motifs. Allegorical figures flank the dial, adding to the clock's thematic depth and grandeur.

Crowning Finial: Atop the clock case, a dynamic gilt bronze sculptural finial depicts a winged figure of Fame or Victory, holding a trumpet aloft, adding a regal and triumphant touch.

Ornate Base: The clock rests on an integral, elaborately decorated base, mirroring the vernis Martin technique and richly embellished with gilt bronze appliqués and scrollwork. This base is supported by elegant, tapering gilt bronze feet, reinforcing the clock's luxurious aesthetic.

Dial and Horological Features:

Gilt Bronze Dial with Enamel Cartouches: The clock's circular dial is framed by an elaborate gilt bronze bezel. It features individual white enamel cartouches with blue Roman numerals for the hours, set against an intricately engraved gilt bronze ground with a finely tooled basket-weave pattern in the center. The hands are gilded and delicately curved, adding a touch of refinement.

Pierced Relief Panel: Below the dial, a finely sculpted gilt bronze panel in high relief depicts a classical scene with putti, allowing glimpses of the pendulum swing.

A Treasured and Valuable Piece: This magnificent French mantel clock is a precious and valuable piece of decorative art. It not only bears witness to the exceptional craftsmanship of the Old Masters but also stands as a significant element of 18th-century French history and culture. This clock can serve as a cherished heirloom or a distinguished investment for the future, ideal for any discerning collector or an interior seeking opulent historical sophistication.