18th Boulle Wall Clock



9 000 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 53 cm

Diameter : 26 cm

Height : 143 cm

Depth : 29 cm

Description

This magnificent Louis XIV style cartel wall clock is a superb example of the celebrated Boulle tradition, combining luxurious gilt-bronze (ormolu) mounts with striking black and brass marquetry decoration. The richly ornamented architectural case is adorned with finely cast scrolling acanthus leaves, floral motifs, and elaborate decorative details that highlight the exceptional craftsmanship of the piece.
The clock features an elegant circular dial with enamel Roman numeral cartouches surrounding a beautifully engraved gilt centre. Delicately pierced gilt hands complete the refined appearance, while the decorative dial harmonises perfectly with the richly embellished case.
A beautifully sculpted gilt-bronze allegorical figure crowns the top of the clock, adding

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grandeur and balance to the composition. The lower section is decorated with an elaborate mythological scene depicting a seated female figure accompanied by graceful birds, creating a striking focal point that reflects the opulence of French decorative arts.

The clock is presented on its original matching wall bracket, which is equally lavishly decorated with gilt-bronze mounts and Boulle-style marquetry. The combination of the ornate clock case and decorative bracket creates an impressive vertical display that commands attention in any interior.

The dramatic contrast between the black ground and the richly gilded ornamentation enhances the luxurious character of the piece, making it an exceptional decorative object as well as a functional timepiece. Inspired by the grandeur of the Louis XIV period, this cartel clock embodies the elegance and sophistication associated with the finest French furniture and decorative arts.

This impressive clock would make a distinguished addition to an important collection of French antiques or serve as a spectacular statement piece in both classical and contemporary interiors. Its outstanding craftsmanship, refined decoration, and timeless elegance ensure that it remains a highly desirable example of French-inspired decorative art.