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18th Century Mantel Clock



4 000 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 33 cm

Diameter : 12 cm

Height : 48 cm

Depth : 10 cm

Description

Royal Antique is proud to present this striking mantel clock, a superb example of the Empire style, a period characterized by its grandeur and inspiration drawn from classical antiquity. This timepiece demonstrates a masterful combination of materials and exceptional craftsmanship, resulting in a piece that is both visually stunning and aesthetically versatile.Design and Materials:Harmonious Combination of Materials: The clock features a striking combination of noble materials, including luminous white marble (possibly alabaster or griotte claire marble), contrasting black marble elements for the bases of the pedestals, and richly decorated gilt bronze.Classical Portico Form: The clock adopts a classical architectural portico form, with a central circular clock face suspended between

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two massive pedestals. These white marble pedestals are adorned with rich gilt bronze mounts depicting garlands and classical motifs, and are surmounted by elegant urns topped with classical finials (such as stylized pinecones or flames).Dial and Surround: The white enamel dial, typical of Empire clocks, displays Roman numerals for the hours and Arabic numerals for the minutes. It is framed by a sumptuous gilt bronze surround, adorned with a laurel frieze and classical motifs.Radiant Pendulum: The pendulum, designed as a radiant sunburst, is visible below the dial, adding a kinetic and symbolic element to the ensemble.Ornate Base: The clock rests on a multi-tiered rectangular white marble base, richly decorated with a continuous frieze of classical motifs, including scrolling foliage and a central floral rosette. The base is supported by gilt bronze bun feet, reinforcing the classical and luxurious aesthetic.Crowing Element: The top of the clock is crowned by a central urn in marble and gilt bronze, adorned with stylized motifs and a floral arrangement, echoing the side urns and emphasizing the grandeur of the composition.Historical Context and Decorative Impact:This clock is a valuable addition to any discerning collector's home, bringing a touch of historical elegance and sophistication to any interior. It is a superb representation of Empire period art, blending classical ideals with exquisite craftsmanship. It perfectly embodies the nobility and balance characteristic of this period, where decorative objects were designed to reflect power and Neoclassical taste.