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Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1005083

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 30 cm (11.8")

Width = 15 cm (5.9")

Depth = 17 cm (6.7")

Description

Late C19th Italian 'Grand Tour' souvenir, after the antique , cast bronze bust study of " The Pseudo Seneca" . Neapolitan cast bronze bust of the ancient original excavated at Herculaneum in the Villa of the Papyri in 1754 . This copy of the original Roman 1st AD bust is mounted upon a block of rare figured jasper quartz marble. The subject was originally believed to depict Seneca the Younger , the notable Roman philosopher, because its emaciated features were thought to reflect his Stoic philosophy. Modern scholars however agree it is likely a fictitious portrait probably intended for Hesiod or Aristophanes. The bust is now conserved in the Museo Archeologico Nazionale , Naples . A faithful copy having superb detail and casting , with a rich consistent colour and patina. The striking highly-figured jasper marble block base having various minor historic chips and losses . Probably produced by Chiurazzi Foundry , Naples ,Italy. *NB An identical bronze bust study of Seneca by Sommer Foundry , Naples , of similar scale sold Christie's , London 31/01/ 2018 , Lot 2 £3000 H 12" W 6" D 7" Italy c.1890
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