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Late C19th French bronze
 “Grand Tour” souvenir
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 “The Dancing Faun with
 Clappers’ .

Price

GBP 750

| USD \$1,013 | EUR 877

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Date of manufacture: 1890

Dimensions

Height = 30 cm (11.8")

Width = 10 cm (3.9")

Depth = 10 cm (3.9")

Description

Late C19th French bronze “Grand Tour” souvenir reduction , after the antique, “The Dancing Faun with Clappers”. Well-cast bronze statue of the iconic woodland faun from Greco-Romano mythology . Depicted with pointed ears , a tail and frenzied facial expression dancing whilst holding cymbals in each hand , his foot upon a scabellum (an Ancient Greek percussion instrument) . The original ancient marble torso , attributed to Praxiteles of Athens was first recorded in the collection of the Duke of Tuscany , thought to have had its head , arms and legs replaced and restored by the Renaissance master Michelangelo . The original now exhibited in the Uffizi Museum, Florence , Italy . Excellent colour and patina , raised on a square plinth base inscribed to the rear “Musée de Florence” .Depicted supported by a tree-trunk and wearing a modesty fig leaf , the head and face with crisp detail and having a body with well-defined musculature and conveying movement. Versions of this iconic sculpture grace the great museums and collections of the world, including a large version cast by Massimiliano Soldani Benzi (1648-1740) in the grounds of Blenheim Palace , Oxfordshire, Eng...

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