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Price

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Item Reference: SA1011835

Date of manufacture: 1900

Dimensions

Height = 47.5 cm (18.7")

Width = 33 cm (13.0")

Depth = 17.8 cm (7.0")

Description

A superb pair of late 19th century Austrian Orientalist polychrome terracotta busts by Friedrich Goldscheider, both figures stamped to the reverse. This pair of figures are a Kabyle Berber couple, this Berber ethnic group was indigenous to Kabylia in Northern Algeria and were produced in various sizes, also as full length figures as well as busts, the male known as Antar and the female, Abla. The bearded male figure of Antar wears a keffiyeh, a traditional headdress worn by men from areas of the Middle East, with traditional clothing supported on a tapering square plinth base. The female figure of Abla also wearing a traditional headdress and clothing with jewellery adorning her neck also supported on a tapering square plinth base, both figures with 'F Goldscheider, Wien' stamp and model number 926 to the reverse. The figure of Antar was designed by Arthur Strasser, a renowned Viennese sculptor and Abla was designed by Desurmont, Arthur Strasser worked closely with Friedrich Goldscheider to produce naturalistic polychrome sculptures in the Orientalist style. Friedrich Goldscheider founded the Goldscheider Manufactory & Majolica Factory in 1885 and became one of th...

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