

SA1027184

Early C19th Italian 'Grand Tour' souvenir bronze reduction, after the antique, of "The Dancing Faun of Pompeii" .

Price

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Item Reference: SA1027184

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 30 cm (11.8")

Width = 10 cm (3.9")

Depth = 15 cm (5.9")

Description

Early C19th Italian 'Grand Tour' souvenir bronze reduction, after the antique, of "The Dancing Faun of Pompeii" . Superbly detailed cast bronze copy of the iconic mythical faun excavated in 1830 at ill-fated Pompeii , from the site of a villa known now as "Casa del Fauno" , where it stood in the courtyard next to the impluvium , a basin designed to collect rain-water . The faun depicted in a state of exultation and ecstasy, his arms raised in dance , his muscular body taut. The mythical bearded creature with horns in his hair and a tail above his buttocks. The figure entirely naked except for a fig-leaf . Mounted upon a plinth of figured 'giallo di Siena' or Convent Siena , marble . In excellent original condition, having achieved an excellent 'skin' and patina . The 'chocolate brown' patina with atmospheric areas of wear to the original lacquered surface. The original sculpture now exhibited in the Museo Nazionale, Naples , Italy. H 12" W 4" D 6" Italy c.1840

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