

SA1032148

Grand Tour Style French Bronze of Danaides

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1032148****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Height = 27.3 cm (10.7")

Width = 10.8 cm (4.3")

Depth = 12.7 cm (5.0")

Description

A good late 19th century, French, Grand Tour style bronze figure of Danaides with a Bowl. The female figure leaning over a twin handled bowl on stand. Possibly cast by Barbedienne. The original statue is located in the Vatican Museum, Rome, carved in the 4th century BC. Height 10 3/4" (27.3cm) Width 4 1/4" (10.8cm) Depth 5" (12.7cm) French Circa 1880 According to Greek mythology, the Danaides were the fifty daughters of King Danaos of Argos, who was in conflict with his brother Aegyptos, father of fifty sons. The fifty sons went to Argos to propose marriage to the Danaides as a conciliatory gesture towards Danaos. Danaos resented his brother and ordered his daughters to murder their bridegrooms on their wedding night. They proceeded, except all but one. As a result of their crimes, the Danaides were sentenced to the underworld where their unending penance was to fill pierced jugs with water. The original statue is located in the Vatican Museum, Rome, carved in the 4th century BC.

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