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Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1045159

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 21 cm (8.3")

Width = 26 cm (10.2")

Depth = 11 cm (4.3")

Description

Magnificent pair of early C19th Italian 'Grand Tour' souvenir carved white statuary marble lions after Antonio Canova . Finely carved pair of marble lions being reductions of the iconic Antonio Canova (1757-1822) originals sculpted for the monumental tomb of Pope Clement XIII in St.Peter's Basilica , Vatican City , Rome , Italy in 1792 . The originals were carved by Canova in travertine marble , whilst copies and reductions were carved from various stone and marble in the workshops of Rome during the nineteenth century , for sale as souvenirs to wealthy 'Grand Tourists' visiting the Eternal City . Mounted on later sympathetic figured green marble substantial plinth block bases , the lions are each depicted lying as guardians , one sleeping , the other vigilant ; a detail said to reflect the late Pope's qualities of moderation and vigilance respectively . Skilfully and boldly carved with exceptional attention to detail to the manes and faces , being accurate representations of the originals . In excellent original condition , the well-chosen pure white statuary marble of the sculptures contrasting beautifully with the selected green marble of the plinths . Exempl...

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