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Italian greyhound bronze, Pierre-Jules Mêne (1810-1879)

Price

GBP 1,200

| USD \$1,624 | EUR 1,404

Item Reference: SA1046248**Date of manufacture: 1920**

Dimensions

Height = 17 cm (6.7")

Width = 18 cm (7.1")

Depth = 11 cm (4.3")

Description

Italian greyhound bronze with black patination after French animalier sculptor Pierre-Jules Mêne (1810-1879). The dog is faces right with an open fan on the simulated carpet base. Signed 'P J Mêne' to base. Circa 1920. Mêne was one of the most successful and prolific animalier sculptors of his day. He was born in Paris in 1810 in Rue de Faubourg St. Antoine. His father, Doninique, was a skilled metal turner who taught his son not only the basics of metal foundry and the work of a 'ciseleur', but also the principles of sculpture. He developed his natural talents as an animal sculptor under sculptor René Compaire making detailed sketches of the animals in the zoo at the Jardin des Plantes which he used as his models. He cast his own sculptures and quickly made a reputation for himself. In 1838 he exhibited a group of a 'Dog and Fox' at the French Salon in bronze and established his own foundry in the same year, exhibiting one or more models almost every year until his death, with entries accepted on his behalf after his death until 1879. In recognition of his work he received the first class medal at the Salon twice and was awarded the Legion of Honour in 1861. In England...

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