

SA1077187

A Huge And Important 18th Century Italian Carved Marble Bust Of Roman Emperor Septimius Severus, Attributed To The Cavaceppi Workshop

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1077187****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 88 cm (34.6")

Width = 70 cm (27.6")

Depth = 48 cm (18.9")

Description

An Imposing and Important 18th Century Italian Carved Marble Bust of Roman Emperor Septimius Severus, Attributed to the Cavaceppi Workshop of grand scale standing 88cm in height. Italian Circa 1750 Provenance The private collection of Harry Per Fett (1875-1962) a prominent Norwegian art historian and head of the Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage (1913-1946) This fine portrait bust was executed in combination of white statuary marble for the bust itself, Siena or Verona marble for the drapery and a grey marble socle. The piece shows the emperor Septimius Severus, renowned as a great military leader and also the first African to serve as emperor, having been born in Laptis Magna (known today as Libya). The emperor is depicted wearing a toga over a tunic of some kind, the folds of the drapery particularly beautifully realised. The toga is clasped over one shoulder with a round cloak clasp with foliate detailing and then a decoration in the form of a lion's mask suspending a bow from a ring hangs over the emperor's chest. As virtuosic as these carved details are, it is the face of the emperor which draws the eye due to the remarkably lifelike carving. The hair a...

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