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Antique Grand Tour Bronze Models of Colonne Vendôme and the Luxor Obelisk 19th C

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1084420****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 28 cm (11.0")

Width = 11 cm (4.3")

Depth = 11 cm (4.3")

Description

This is a wonderful antique pair of French Grand Tour bronze models of the Colonne Vendôme and the Luxor Obelisk, circa 1870 in date. This splendid Colonne Vendôme bronze features Napoleon I standing atop in his 'redingote' coat and trademark hat, after the original by Charles-Emile Seurre. Construction on the original Vendôme column was started in 1806 at Napoleon's direction to celebrate the victory of Austerlitz, and completed in 1810. The spiralling column is covered in delightful bas-relief bronze plates - which resemble the original bronze plates constructed out of cannons taken from the combined armies of Europe. The Luxor Obelisks (Obélisques de Louxor) are a pair of ancient Egyptian obelisks, over 3,000 years old, carved to stand either side of the portal of the Luxor Temple in the reign of Ramesses II (c. 1250 BC). The right-hand western stone, 23 metres high, was moved in the 1830s to the Place de la Concorde in Paris, France, and is the one modelled here, while the left-hand eastern obelisk remains in its location in Egypt. Both bronzes are raised on elegant black Belgium nero marble platform bases. The attention to detail and quality throughout t...

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