

SA1090504

Au Bon Sauvage: A Rare French Mantel Clock

Price

GBP 6,500

| USD \$8,796 | EUR 7,606

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Date of manufacture: 1800

Dimensions

Height = 25 cm (9.8")

Description

A French bronze and ormolu Pendule Au Bon Sauvage mantel clock in the style of Jean-Simon Deverberie. The eight-day duration timepiece movement has a silk suspension. The round engine-turned gilded dial has a white enamel chapter ring with black Roman numerals and blued steel Breguet moon hands. The ormolu case has a bronze figure of a hunter holding a bow and arrow with a quiver of arrows to his back, wearing a gilded skirt and with inset glass eyes, standing beside a water flagon and dead game bird lying on a bale and with a gilded palm tree to the side, the oval base with an applied bronze floral mount to the front. This style of clock first came to fruition in the late-18th century and was very much influenced by the writings of authors including Jean-Jacques Rousseau and Bernardin de Saint-Pierre, along with the discovery of the South Sea Islands, where in 1767 the French explorer Bougainville landed in Tahiti followed by Captain Cook two years later. The apparent harmonious lifestyle of the islands inhabitants allowed many in European society to question the morality and corruption that had become prevalent in Europe at that time and brought a period of self aware...

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