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Antique Russian Gilt Bronze Malachite Rock Crystal Sleigh Sculpture C 1870

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1098520****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 9.5 cm (3.7")

Width = 17.7 cm (7.0")

Depth = 13.5 cm (5.3")

Description

This is a truly magnificent and rare antique Russian gilt bronze, malachite and rock crystal desk stand sculpture, circa 1870 in date. This exceptionally executed sculpture is in the novelty form of a gilt bronze winter sleigh carrying a prestigious rectangular block of rock crystal simulating a lump of ice, whose splendid clarity and translucency cannot be overlooked - it is, in fact, a true mineralogical wonder that can be admired by all discerning collectors. The sculpture sits on a stunning rectangular malachite base which adds extra opulence to this highly attractive desk stand. This unusual piece is highly collectable and decorative. Provenance: Bonhams, 25 May 2016, lot 412. It is a true piece of artwork which is sure to get noticed wherever it is displayed. Condition: In really excellent condition, please see photos for confirmation. Dimensions in cm: Height 9.5 cm x Width 17.7 cm x Depth 13.5 cm. Dimensions in inches: Height 4 inches x Width 7 inches x Depth 5 inches. Rock crystal's name is derived from the Greek word 'krystallos' meaning 'ice,' because the Greeks, finding it in caves near Mount Olympus, believed it to be water which had been...
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