

SA1123099

Carved Marble model of the Lion of Lucerne

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1123099****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 23.5 cm (9.3")

Width = 45 cm (17.7")

Depth = 17.5 cm (6.9")

Description

A superb hand hewn model after the original designed by Bertel Thorvaldsen and hewn by Lukas Ahorn in 1821. This version is skillfully and beautifully modelled in a soft honey coloured marble that almost appears transparent and is mounted on a modern black granite base with white flecks. (Repaired break mid body where at some stage it has been in half. The clean break has been expertly repaired by simply joining the two pieces together without need for any filler or other camouflage. Only visible on close inspection). The Lion Monument, of the Lion of Lucerne, is a rock relief in Lucerne, Switzerland, designed by Bertel Thorvaldsen and hewn in 1820–21 by Lukas Ahorn. It commemorates the Swiss Guards who were killed in 1792 during the French Revolution, when revolutionaries stormed the Tuileries Palace in Paris. It is one of the most famous monuments in Switzerland, visited annually by about 1.4 million tourists. In 2006, it was placed under Swiss monument protection. American author Mark Twain praised the sculpture of a mortally wounded lion as "the most mournful and moving piece of stone in the world."

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