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Empire period bronze and
marble desk top inkstand by
Lefebvre of Belgium, circa 1820

Price

GBP 4,600

| USD \$6,272 | EUR 5,368

Item Reference: SA1123348

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 20 cm (7.9")

Width = 37 cm (14.6")

Depth = 24 cm (9.4")

Description

This magnificent large scale empire period desk top inkstand has a true country house presence about it. The significance of its proportion and the quality of the workmanship is outstanding. This inkstand is cut from a large single block of polished figured dark green marble and has a recess on each side for pens. It is raised onto bronze lion's paw feet with foliate brackets. Above cast with very fine detail and hand chased for sharpness are a pair of lidded urns, one at each end. These originally would have had glass liners and were used for storing the ink. In the centre, there is a larger urn with a removable pierced cover which would have been used for storing sealing wax. Supporting it on each side there is a winged cherub each holding a garland of flowers. Between their wings, there is a scone used to hold a small candle for melting the sealing wax on a letter. It is in good condition, Belgium, Circa 1820. This rare inkstand is made by the highly esteemed Belgium manufacturer, Lefebvre. Manufactory of Tournai. A maker of fine objects for the king and important households. The design for the inkstand is in the collection of the Cooper-Hewitt Museum of Design ...

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