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Large scale C19th Italian 'Grand Tour' souvenir carved 'prato verde' serpentine marble sculpture reduction copy, after the antique, known as "Il Porcellino" or The Uffizi Boar.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1152624****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 52 cm (20.5")

Width = 57 cm (22.4")

Depth = 30 cm (11.8")

Description

Large scale C19th Italian 'Grand Tour' souvenir carved 'prato verde' serpentine marble sculpture reduction copy, after the antique, known as "Il Porcellino" or The Uffizi Boar. Of unusually large scale and proportions with great presence, the well-carved green serpentine marble boar being a copy of the antique Hellenistic Pentelic marble Greek original 2nd-1st century AD exhibited in The Uffizi Museum, Florence, Italy. The original was found in Rome and transported to Florence by the Medici in the mid C16th, thence in the Ducal collections before being displayed in the classical galleries of The Uffizi. The original measures 95 cms in height. A further copy of the Boar was cast in bronze and sculpted as a fountain by the baroque sculptor Pietro Tacca in 1634, and was sited in the Mercato Nuovo in Florence, Italy. A later copy now stands there where it is a huge tourist attraction. Excellent attention to detail with realistic carved detail. The evocative sculpture has a 'dry' surface and has achieved a pleasing sage-green hue. Has some minor losses and historic repairs, though completely stable and in obstensively uncompromised condition. *Provenance: from ...

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