

SA1156505

Large Antique French Gilt Bronze Rococo Clock by Samuel Marti

Price

GBP 3,950

| USD \$5,345 | EUR 4,622

Item Reference: SA1156505**Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Height = 42 cm (16.5")

Width = 29 cm (11.4")

Depth = 17 cm (6.7")

Description

~ French - Circa 1880 ~ ~ Excellent condition, fully overhauled ~ ~ This impressive and finely cast gilt-bronze mantel clock is a superb example of the 19th-century French Rococo revival, after the celebrated designs of the bronzier Robert Osmond. Boldly modelled, the waisted case is enriched with exuberant rocaille and naturalistic scrollwork, its asymmetrical silhouette characteristic of the Louis XV style. The composition is crowned by a beautifully cast figure of Amor as a putto, seated in quiet contemplation as he marks the passage of time upon a sundial—an elegant and poetic allegory of love and transience. The movement is the work of Samuel Marti. The dial is of porcelain enamel on copper, retaining its original finely pierced gilt-bronze hands and set beneath a convex glass bezel. Beneath the dial, the allegorical symbolism continues with Amor's quiver of arrows and flaming torch, emblematic of love and enlightenment, nestled among richly cast foliate scrolls and finely chased ornamentation. The sides are mounted with fabric-backed sound frets, lending visual lightness to the design. The polished base subtly reflects the movement of the pendulum, which may be se...

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