

SA1158052

A FINE, LARGE "VIENNA" COLDPAINTED BRONZE BULL

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1158052****Date of manufacture: 1900**

Dimensions

Height = 15 cm (5.9")

Width = 28 cm (11.0")

Depth = 10 cm (3.9")

Description

FRANZ XAVIER BERGMANN: a very fine, large and rare Austrian "cold-painted" BRONZE BULL in superb original condition. Beautifully modelled; finely cast and retaining all of its fabulous original paintwork, this bull bears all the quality features of sculpture produced by this famous Vienna foundry ~ with great attention to realism and detail. This is heavy (over 2.7 kgs!); large: 28cms long and 15cms high (11ins x 6ins) and is in beautiful original condition. Thoroughly recommended. ** FRANZ XAVIER BERGMANN was born in 1861, the son of a metalworker and finisher (also Franz Bergmann) who moved to Vienna from Bohemia in 1860 to open a small foundry. Of the number of fashionable sculptors/foundries in the city, Bergmann soon became the most desirable and successful, specialising in animals, oriental figures and birds, amongst other subjects ~ known for their realism and great attention to detail. The partnership perfected the art of "cold-painting" using a special recipe (now lost) applying multiple layers of "dust" paintwork after the model was cast. This process greatly contributed towards the realism of their figures, which is so self-evident to this day. His son i...

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