

SA1161829

A Fine Antique French Figural Mantel Clock ~Amour et Psyche ~ After Antonio Canova

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1161829****Date of manufacture: 1890**

Dimensions

Height = 56.5 cm (22.2")

Width = 51 cm (20.1")

Depth = 22 cm (8.7")

Description

~ French - Circa 1890 ~ ~~ Excellent condition, fully overhauled ~~ A superb antique French mantel clock, finely cast and patinated, depicting the iconic embrace of Psyche Revived by Cupid's Kiss after the celebrated marble by Antonio Canova (1757-1822). The scene captures the mythological lovers at the moment of awakening, Psyche reclining in Cupid's arms as his outstretched wings form a dramatic backdrop, symbolising the triumph of love and devotion. The beautifully modelled figures are executed in dark patinated metal, their fluid drapery and delicate anatomy rendered with exceptional detail. The sculpture is mounted upon an elegant oval base of richly figured variegated marble, raised on finely turned gilt feet, with a central gilt-bronze bezel enclosing a porcelain enamel dial with floral swags and finely fretted gilt brass hands. The base bears a brass title plaque engraved Amour et Psyché. The French movement is of high quality and is in excellent clean and running condition having been fully overhauled by our clockmaker. Pendulum is a replacement. It runs for 8 days and strikes the hours and halves on a bell. We have a video of the clock, please ask and we will send it to you.

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