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EARLY FRENCH ORMOLU PORTICO CLOCK WITH AN INCREDIBLE PEDIGREE. CIRCA 1820.

Price

GBP 4,250

| USD \$5,751 | EUR 4,973

Item Reference: SA1168911**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 45.7 cm (18.0")

Description

Fine French ormolu portico mantel clock in superb condition. A good example of a striking portico clock by Michelez of Paris (recorded as a student of the celebrated French watchmaker: Breguet and working 1811 to 1825). The fine 8 day duration, hand-made circular movement with Anchor Recoil escapement and countwheel striking the hours and halves on a tuned bell. Behind 3 1/2" diameter, bowed white enamel dial with a very fine outer divided minute track surrounding Roman hour numerals. The centre bearing the maker's name of "Michelez" and stating in French that he was a "student of Breguet". The well-proportioned, 4 tapered pillar portico case has a finely cast, deep bezel with acanthus leaf decoration and retains its original 'fire gilding'. The quality of the castings and mounts are exceptionally high and the true 'gridiron' compensated pendulum has a plain bob. * The maker, Eve Michelez would have been extremely proud to have been taught by the famous Swiss Watchmaker - Abraham Louis Breguet as it was he who made the famous and unbelievably complicated, 'Marie Antionette watch' which has recently been valued at \$100,000,000. It was completed in 1802 and, is arguably...

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