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French Grand Tour bronze
figure of the 'Borghese
Gladiator'

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1172731

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 35 cm (13.8")

Width = 33 cm (13.0")

Depth = 17.8 cm (7.0")

Description

A fine quality late 19th century (circa 1880) French Grand Tour bronze figure of the 'Borghese Gladiator' after the Hellenistic original marble sculpture. This figure consists of a male nude warrior rather than a Gladiator, thought to be in combat with a warrior on horseback, he stands leaning forward with his right leg, his left arm outstretched in front of him with his left leg stretched out behind him with 'Msee du Louvre' inscription to the rectangular base. The original marble sculpture dating from c 100BC and carved by the sculptor Agasias of Ephesus is believed to be a copy of an earlier statue, it was first recorded in 1611 whilst undergoing restoration in Italy, once in the collection of the Borghese family where the figure gained its name and remaining in the Borghese collection until being sold with other items from the collection in 1807 to Napoleon Bonaparte, the sculpture now being in the Louvre in Paris. Other known copies of the statue include a bronze cast by the sculptor Hubert le Sueur in 1629-30 for Charles I, now in the Royal Collection, Windsor Castle and another bronze cast in 1645 produced for the gardens at Wilton, now at Houghton Hall in the m...

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