

SA1179486

Antique French Animalier Bronze Frog Sculpture c.1850 Parisian Workshop

Price

GBP 3,600

| USD \$4,872 | EUR 4,212

Item Reference: SA1179486**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 4.1 cm (1.6")

Width = 6.9 cm (2.7")

Depth = 8.5 cm (3.3")

Description

Antique French Animalier Bronze Frog Sculpture c.1850 Parisian Workshop – Modelled in the Manner of Moigniez – Natural Patina – 19th Century Description A fine and authentic mid-19th-century French bronze frog, cast in a Parisian workshop circa 1850. This charming small sculpture exemplifies the naturalistic animalier style made famous in France by artists such as Fratin, Barye, and Jules Moigniez. Modelled in the manner of Moigniez, the piece captures the soft, rounded contours and lifelike realism characteristic of the Parisian school of the period. As was typical for workshop bronzes of this type, it is unsigned, yet the quality of the modeling and casting is unmistakably French. Produced using the lost-wax (cire perdue) technique, the frog has developed a beautiful, naturally aged 19th-century patina in tones of deep brown and olive, with warmer highlights from generations of handling. The underside retains the original casting vent hole, fully consistent with Parisian production of the era. Bronzes of this type were highly sought after during the mid-19th century, particularly among collectors such as William T. Walters, whose celebrated collection of French bronzes ...

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