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Antique Sevres Bisque Porcelain Bust Marie Antoinette 19th C

Price

GBP 1,350

| USD \$1,827 | EUR 1,580

Item Reference: SA1182239**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 35 cm (13.8")

Width = 18 cm (7.1")

Depth = 14 cm (5.5")

Description

This is a fabulous decorative antique Sevres bisque porcelain bust of Marie Antoinette dating from early 19th Century and bearing the blue painted interlaced L's Sevres royal cipher with an M inside the classic two interlaced-Ls. This is an elegant bust of Marie Antoinette, Queen of France and the wife of Louis XVI. The bust in white bisque porcelain contrasts beautifully with the glazed cobalt blue and gilt pedestal. Marie Antoinette was a prominent victim of the Reign of Terror, executed by guillotine in October 1793 after being found guilty of treason by the Revolutionary Tribunal. Her execution followed that of her husband, King Louis XVI, and was the culmination of her unpopularity due to her perceived extravagance, and her perceived role in undermining the French Revolution. Busts of her were very popular in France and the Sevres factory made many. Marie Antoinette is pictured with ribbons woven into her hair wearing a Fleur de Lys crown. Bisque porcelain busts of Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette were highly fashionable during their reign, and continued to be produced in the 19th Century. This bust depicts one of the most important figures in French history, and...

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