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Superb Antique French Ormolu Rococo Clock ~ Leon Message ~ Jollet et Cie

Price

GBP 8,450

| USD \$11,412 | EUR 9,888

Item Reference: SA1190613**Date of manufacture: 1910**

Dimensions

Height = 58 cm (22.8")

Width = 34.5 cm (13.6")

Depth = 22 cm (8.7")

Description

~ French - Circa 1906 ~ ~~ Excellent condition, fully overhauled ~~ A large and exceptional antique French ormolu clock, designed in the style of the sculptor Léon Messagé and bearing the foundry mark of Jollet et Cie. Executed in finely gilded bronze, the composition draws inspiration from the Rococo vocabulary of Juste-Aurèle Meissonnier, characterised by bold movement, asymmetry, and richly animated ornament. The lower half of the clock is centred on a maritime theme, featuring Neptune flanked by a pair of beautifully modelled dolphins. The dolphins ride stylised surf upon sweeping scrolls that form the feet of the clock, their dynamic movement enhancing the sense of fluidity. Between them, Neptune emerges above a shell motif, conceived as a lively and expressive sea. Above the dial, Cupid is shown seated patiently, holding his bow with a quiver of arrows at his side, introducing a contrasting note of tenderness and allegory. The entire case is unified by pronounced curves and finely chased foliate decoration, all crisply cast and richly gilded. The dial is of porcelain enamel on copper, fitted with finely cut gilt-brass hands and protected by a convex glass. The...

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