

SA1191059

BARYE: A RARE BRONZE "ANIMALIER" OSTRICH

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1191059****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 21 cm (8.3")

Width = 18 cm (7.1")

Depth = 9 cm (3.5")

Description

ANTOINE LOUIS BARYE**: a rare French "animalier" bronze of an OSTRICH, the only living bird with didactyl feet*. The flightless bird (and the world's largest) stands tall on a naturalistic base modelled with shells, plants and rocks, having unearthed a small snake or large worm which can now be seen within in its beak. 8.25ins (21cms) tall. c1865-1875 * Didactyl feet are those with just two toes, for which the ostrich is famous ~ most birds have three or four toes. The larger toe takes most of the weight of the bird; the smaller is used for stability when running ~ indeed the ostrich can run very fast indeed! ** ANTOINE-LOUIS BARYE, (1795-1875) was one of the earliest French romantic "animalier" bronze sculptors, sometimes referred to as the "Father of the Animalier movement".

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