

SA1207458

"Napoleon Crossing the Alps". 19th Century French Gilt and Patinated Bronze Mantel Clock.

Price

GBP 1,550

| USD \$2,097 | EUR 1,814

Item Reference: SA1207458**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Description

A good original example of a French gilt and patinated bronze figural mantel clock, dating from the mid-late 19th century, circa 1850–1875. The case is modelled with Napoleon mounted on a rearing horse, in the manner of the celebrated "Napoleon Crossing the Alps" composition, with well-defined casting and contrasting ormolu and dark patinated finishes. The rectangular plinth is cast in relief with an eagle and laurel decoration, typical of Empire revival designs. The white enamel dial with Roman numerals is set within a gilt bezel and fronting an 8-day French movement striking the hours and half-hours on a bell. The movement is complete and in working order. A decorative and representative example of this enduring Napoleonic subject, retaining good presence and original character. Condition Report: • General age-related wear to gilding and patination • Hairline crack noted to one of the horse's black legs but not structural, as supported by original central rod. • Small damage to enamel dial near winding aperture • Movement running at time of inspection (accuracy not tested long-term) Measurements: • Height: 58cm • Width: 39cm • Depth: 12cm

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