

SA1229453

Large Mantel Clock with Tiger and Serpent by R Varnier, Circa 1900

Price

GBP 1,700

| USD \$2,300 | EUR 1,989

Item Reference: SA1229453**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Description

A magnificent late 19th/ early 20th Century mantel clock in patinated spelter, depicting a dramatic and finely modelled tiger confronting a serpent in a dynamic naturalistic composition. The powerful animal sculpture is signed Varnier and titled on the original plaque "Tigre au serpent", a highly decorative and impressive subject typical of the finest French animalier designs of the period. The beautifully executed spelter case displays exceptional attention to detail, from the muscular form and expressive features of the tiger to the finely textured serpent and rocky landscape setting. The sculpture is raised on an elegant veined marble plinth supported on turned feet, adding further refinement to this impressive clock. The clock is fitted with an original French 8-day mechanical movement and features a charming porcelain dial decorated with delicate floral motifs, framed by a gilt bezel. The movement has recently been professionally serviced and is in good working order. Presented in very good original condition, retaining its authentic patinated finish and period character. A superb collector's piece combining French clockmaking, sculpture and decorative arts, ideal fo...

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