

SA1229821

French Bronze La Source Nude Figure Circa 1900

Price

GBP 4,500

| USD \$6,098 | EUR 5,264

Item Reference: SA1229821**Date of manufacture: 1900**

Dimensions

Height = 43 cm (16.9")

Width = 12.5 cm (4.9")

Depth = 11 cm (4.3")

Description

French Bronze La Source Nude Figure Circa 1900 Description A fine French School bronze depicting La Source, or The Spring, catalogued as after Auguste Moreau and dating from approximately 1900. This elegant Belle Epoque sculpture portrays a youthful nude female figure turning modestly while gathering flowing drapery around her body. The fabric sweeps around the figure in broad rhythmic folds, suggesting flowing water and reinforcing the traditional association of La Source with purity, renewal and natural abundance. The modelling combines classical poise with the softer flowing lines characteristic of French sculpture around the turn of the 20th century. The bronze retains an attractive warm brown-green patina with naturally exposed golden bronze highlights to raised areas. The figure stands upon a shaped polished black marble base, believed to be original. Auguste Moreau was a member of the prominent Moreau family of French sculptors and became known for elegant allegorical figures, graceful female subjects and decorative compositions combining academic modelling with Romantic naturalism. Documented versions of La Source bearing Auguste Moreau's signature are known.

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