

SA1230333

19th Century Neapolitan Grand Tour Bronze of Narcissus on Fossil Marble Base

Price

GBP 425

| USD \$579 | EUR 496

Item Reference: SA1230333

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 14 cm (5.5")

Description

A charming 19th-century Neapolitan Grand Tour bronze figure of Narcissus, after the celebrated antique discovered at Pompeii in 1862 and now generally identified as Dionysus. The youthful figure is shown in a graceful contrapposto pose, with his head inclined downward, richly modelled curled hair, classical sandals and drapery falling from one shoulder. Finely modelled for its small scale, the bronze retains a pleasing dark brown patina with natural age-related variation and light surface wear. The figure is mounted on a substantial black fossiliferous marble base, with attractive natural shell and fossil inclusions visible throughout the stone. Bronzes of this type were produced in Naples during the later 19th century for Grand Tour travellers and collectors, inspired by the important archaeological discoveries at Pompeii and Herculaneum. There is a visible transverse casting or assembly line to one thigh, believed to relate to the original manufacture rather than later accidental damage. A particularly appealing small-scale Grand Tour bronze, ideal for a desk, library, study or cabinet collection. Origin: Naples, Italy Date: 19th century Material: Bronze and foss...

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