

SA167529

Early Rare Louis XVI Period Antique French Bronze Ormolu Cartel Wall Clock

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA167529****Date of manufacture: 1750**

Description

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Excellent condition, very original fully overhauled ~~ A very large and stunning early clock, dating from around 1770, from the time of the reign of Louis XVI. Clocks of this age are very rare and this one has survived 240 years in remarkably original condition including probably the original key. It is classical in style, beautifully modelled in ormolu (fire gilded bronze) and decorated with a classical lions trophy. Below the lions mask the pendulum can be seen swinging within a window. This is not glazed and there is no evidence it ever has been. The shoulders of the clock are decorated with rams heads and flower finials and to the top is a large handled classical urn. This is a large and heavy wall clock and will required a substantial spike to hang from. See page 128 of Tardy, Les Plus Belles Pendules Francaises for a similar design. The stunning original dial is enamel on copper and is convex. Typically of clocks of this age the winding holes are made to suit the movement and hence are not level. It has it's original finely fretted gilt brass hands and beautifu...

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