

SA233340

C19th Italian verdigris bronze
'Grand Tour' souvenir figure of
Silenus.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA233340

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 60.9601 cm (24.0")

Width = 20.32 cm (8.0")

Depth = 20.32 cm (8.0")

Description

C19th Italian verdigris bronze figure of Silenus . The original bronze statuette was excavated from the engulfed site of Pompeii in 1863 , this model designed to hold an oil or colza burner was modelled by Pietro Massulli and produced by the J.Chiurazzi & Fils Foundry in Naples ,and conceived as a base for an oil lamp. Silenus wrapped in a loin cloth and grape-vine in his hair , a follower and mentor of Bacchus or Dionysus, the God of wine, is portrayed staggering , holding a serpent and supporting a ring with anthemion leaf motif decoration. Verdigris/ 'faux' excavation patination . Naples, Italy c 1890. H 24"

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