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C19th 'Grand Tour' souvenir
bronze figure "The Dying Gaul"
after the antique.

Price

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Item Reference: SA252046

Date of manufacture: 1870

Description

C19th 'Grand Tour' souvenir bronze figure "The Dying Gaul" after the antique. Mounted on a striated purple marble base (has old repaired crack) well-detailed casting of the iconic image of "The Dying Gaul". The study depicts the wounded Gaul wearing his neck torc, slumped upon his broken sword, horn and shield in defeat. Naked except for a modesty fig-leaf, his belt, horn and martial equipment discarded around him. The Roman marble version of the Hellenistic original was re-discovered in the C17th whilst excavations were made for the 'Villa Ludovisi' in Rome, and later housed therein. Now exhibited in the Capitoline Museum, Rome (see photo below). Copies can be found in many of the sculpture galleries and libraries of the great English country-house collections such as Syon Park and Blenheim Palace, and the leading museums of the world. Some rubbing to areas of colour to bronze and old repairs to marble base. W 15" x H 8" x D 8". Italy or France c 1870.

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