

**SA258602**

Large C19th bronze 'Grand Tour' souvenir bronze statue of "Diane de Gabies" after the antique

Price

**Sold**

**Item Reference: SA258602**

**Date of manufacture: 1870**

## Description

Large C19th bronze 'Grand Tour' souvenir bronze statue of "Diane de Gabies" after the antique. Great scale, wonderful patina and consistent colour, a superior quality casting in fine detail of this iconic sculpture. Depicting the goddess Artemis, the original marble statue was discovered during excavations in 1792 by the entrepreneur, dealer and antiquarian, Gavin Hamilton on the property of the Prince Borghese at Gabi, near Rome. In 1807 the sculpture was sold to Napoleon and was thence exhibited in the Louvre, Paris, where it remains today. Named by the Greeks as Artemis, and called Diana in the Roman world, the beautiful virgin goddess of hunting and wild nature is depicted standing in contrapposto position supported against a tree stump, dressed in a loose robe or 'chiton', buttoned at the shoulder, together with strapped Grecian sandals. The figure stands upon a separate and associated ebonised fluted-column support with carved ionic capital top. (Although purchased with the statue, would obviously sell figure without column) Bears a scripted foundry mark "Stradelli" to rear of integral square base. H. (of bronze) 31". Overall H. on column 76". Italy c. 1870

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