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Exquisite Early Clock, Succession of Louis XVI, Jean-Baptiste LEPAUTE (1727-1802) Clockmaker to the King

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA268150****Date of manufacture: 1750**

Description

Exquisite Early Clock, Succession of Louis XVI, Jean-Baptiste LEPAUTE (1727-1802) Clockmaker to the King ~ French - Circa 1775 ~ ~Excellent condition, fully working and ready to display~ A rare and sublime original Louis XVI period antique French clock dating from around 1775 by the famous royal master clockmaker Lepaute. It depicts the succession of Louis XVI to the throne with putto presenting the divine light of the sacred heart along with the regalia of state including the hand of justice and the crown. Its is beautifully made in ormolu (Bronze Doré, mercury fire gilded bronze) mounted on a bleu turquin marble plinth inset with ormolu. The modelling and chasing is exquisite and the condition is superb, especially considering the clock is almost 240 years old, a rare survivor as so many objects depicting the king were lost during the revolution. The clockmaker is Lepaute Horloger du Roi, a company formed of brothers Jean-André and Jean Baptiste, Jean-André was granted lodgings in the Palais du Luxembourg around 1751 and In the Galleries of the Louvre around 1756 and as a result was able to use the title Horloger du Roi. Jean-Baptiste took over the family business in...

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