

SA314894

C19th carved white statuary
marble bust of "Flora" .

Price

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Item Reference: SA314894

Date of manufacture: 1800

Description

C19th carved white statuary marble bust of "Flora". Beautifully carved marble study of the Roman mythological goddess of flowers and the season of Spring, a symbol for nature and flowers. In Greek mythology she was known as the nymph "Chloris". This elegant study shows the goddess dressed in a loose toga or shoulder-buttoned 'chiton', with a garland of flowers around her head, her hair tied back in a ribbon. She bears a serene, calm expression, with a hint of a smile playing on her lips. Mounted on the original turned socle base, and with carved open "hollow" back. The reverse bears a signature for Edward Hodges Baily R.A. (sic "E.H.Baily R.A.") but despite the undoubted quality of the sculpture, we believe this to be a later inscription. (E.H.Baily 1788-1867 was a renowned sculptor of Bristol origin, whose works included the study of Nelson for the column in Trafalgar Square, London.) The sculpture has spent some recent years outside beneath a garden loggia, and has acquired some weathering and a minor repaired chip to both the socle rim and to a ribbon to the back of her hair onto the neck. Importantly, no deep damage to the surface has occurred and the face in part...

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