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C19th carved white statuary marble bust of Madame Juliette Recamier after the original study by Joseph Chinard.

Price

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Item Reference: SA329601

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 63.5001 cm (25.0")

Width = 38.1001 cm (15.0")

Depth = 25.4001 cm (10.0")

Description

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