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Pair of late C19th Italian 'Grand Tour' souvenir bronzes after the antique, "Mercury" and "Fortuna".

Price

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Item Reference: SA353175

Date of manufacture: 1880

Description

Pair of late C19th Italian 'Grand Tour' souvenir bronzes after the antique, "Mercury and "Fortuna". Well-cast bronze copies of the models by Renaissance sculptor Giambologna (1529-1608), now housed in the Bargello Museum, Florence, Italy. Mercury, the Roman messenger to the Gods, is depicted with his winged helmet, winged feet and holding his herald's staff or 'caduceus'. Fortuna, Goddess of luck and good fortune, is depicted wrapped in flowing gowns, holding a cornucopia. Both are raised balanced upon the winds of the Boreas, mounted upon bronze and black marble cylindrical plinths. The cast detail around the plinths showing cherubs or 'amorini', depicting the Arts. Good original condition, dark patination with some minor wear to colouring of legs from handling, commensurate with age. No damage or losses. H 20" Dia.(bases) 5" Italy c.1880

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