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Alabaster Bust of Louise De La Valliere c.1900; by Vittorio Pochini.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA353616****Date of manufacture: 1900**

Dimensions

Height = 38 cm (15.0")

Width = 34 cm (13.4")

Depth = 14 cm (5.5")

Description

A beautiful Art Nouveau bust of Louis de La Valliere. Although Louise lived in the 17th century, the Italian sculptor Vittorio Pochini has chosen to depict her wearing a head-dress of the Renaissance period, her eyes modestly downcast. Although Louise became the mistress of the French king she was not a promiscuous woman and was deeply religious. The name 'DE LA VALLIERE' is cut into the base. The bust shows signs of its age with some surface cracks and some small abrasions but is still an item of great beauty. Louise de La Vallière (Françoise Louise de La Baume Le Blanc; 6 August 1644 – 7 June 1710) was a mistress of Louis XIV of France from 1661 to 1667. She later became the Duchess of La Vallière and Duchess of Vaujours in her own right. Louise was born in Tours, the daughter of an officer, Laurent de La Baume Le Blanc (who took the name of La Vallière from a small estate near Amboise) and Françoise Le Provost. Laurent de La Vallière died in 1651; his widow remarried in 1655, to Jacques de Courtarvel, marquis de Saint-Rémy, and joined the court of Gaston, Duke of Orléans, at Blois. Louise was brought up with the younger princesses (the future Grand Duchess of Tuscan...

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