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C19th 'Grand Tour' souvenir
bronze , after the antique' ,
"Discobolus"

Price

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Item Reference: SA364786

Date of manufacture: 1870

Description

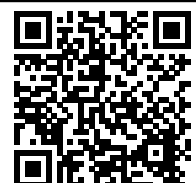
C19th 'Grand Tour' souvenir bronze , after the antique , "Discobolus ". Smart bronze reduction of the iconic marble original of the Greek athlete poised to hurl the discus. Well-cast copy with fine detail showing the defined musculature and concentration of the subject. The Discobolus of Myron is a Greek sculpture c .450 BC, the original is lost but is known through numerous Roman copies in both marble and bronze. The first to be discovered was the marble " Palombara Discobolus" , the second notable discovery was made at Hadrians Villa and excavated in 1790. This version was purchased by the English art dealer and antiquary in Rome , Thomas Jenkins , at public auction in 1792. (Another example also found at Tivoli at this date was acquired by the Vatican Museums.) The English art connoisseur and collector , Charles Townley paid Jenkins £400 for the statue in 1794 and brought it to London. In 1805 it was bought for the British Museum together with the remainder of Townley's marbles , where it remains on exhibition. Good consistent patination ,with no damage. H 16" Dia (base) 6" Italy or France c.1870

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