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Price

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Item Reference: SA374290

Date of manufacture: 1890

Dimensions

Height = 45.7201 cm (18.0")

Width = 71.1201 cm (28.0")

Depth = 33.0201 cm (13.0")

Description

Impressive late C19th large-scale Italian carved serpentine marble 'Grand Tour' souvenir sculpture,after the antique, "The Dying Gaul". Impressive carved marble version of the iconic ancient marble statue of the defeated and mortally wounded Gallic or Celtic warrior, the Roman marble version now exhibited in the "Hall of the Galatian",The Capitoline Museums, Rome. A copy of the lost Hellenistic bronze original from the 3rd Century BC , the Roman marble was rediscovered in the C17th whilst excavations were being made at the 'Villa Ludovisi' in Rome ,first recorded in an inventory of 1623. The wounded warrior with a bleeding sword puncture to his chest ,is depicted wearing his neck torc , and lying upon his shield with his discarded martial equipment and trumpet strewn around him. Well-defined carved torso and musculature , the facial expression and pose capturing the vanquished state of the defeated Gaul. The subject is shown naked with the exception of a modesty fig-leaf. Mounted upon an integral moulded oval base. This sculpture having been skilfully hewn and carved from a single block of Italian green serpentine marble , with a highly-polished finish to the deeply p...

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