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Bust of Jean Noël Halle From Victoria & Albert Museum

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA398648****Date of manufacture: 1920**

Dimensions

Height = 76 cm (29.9")

Width = 56 cm (22.0")

Depth = 35 cm (13.8")

Description

HUGE Plaster Bust of Jean Noël Hallé From Victoria & Albert Museum. Larger than life size, with fine details and in excellent condition. Rare find. The measurements are as follow (all approx): Height = 30" / 76cm Width = 22"/56cm Depth = 14" / 35cm Base = 10" wide x 9.5" deep. The collecting of plaster casts reached the height of its popularity in the mid to late 19th century. At that time few people in the UK could afford to travel to mainland Europe, so museums acquired reproductions of important monuments and works of art to complement their collections. Art schools collected plaster casts so students could study and draw from the best examples of classical and Renaissance sculpture. Individuals and collectors bought casts for their own personal interest or to decorate their homes. The South Kensington Museum (as the V&A was originally known) was at the forefront of this enthusiasm for collecting plaster cast reproductions and electrotypes. It obtained them through a variety of means. Many were gifts from other institutions, or came via the Convention for Promoting Universal Reproductions of Works of Art. This was the brainchild of Henry Cole, the Museum's ...

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