

SA403588

Fine C19th Italian gilded bronze
'Grand Tour' souvenir
architectural model of a
Cathedral dome or 'Tempietto'.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA403588

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 22.86 cm (9.0")

Width = 12.7 cm (5.0")

Depth = 12.7 cm (5.0")

Description

Fine C19th Italian gilded bronze 'Grand Tour' souvenir architectural model of a Cathedral dome or 'Tempietto'. Cast bronze model with fine architectural detail of the dome of a Cathedral or monument, mounted upon a block of Siena marble. Possibly conceived as a pastille burner, the lift-off lid with a removable frame-work inside. Excellent attention to detail with arched apertures, finely detailed Corinthian-capped columns with incised block-work detail, and a bell-tower /cupola surmount. Although it has similarities to the dome of St.Paul's Cathedral in London, the Siena base and style of gilded /patinated bronze and casting, suggest Italian origin. It could be a true representation of a landmark dome or indeed an idealised model sold as a souvenir to 'Grand Tourists'. In excellent original condition, with only minor rubbing and wear to the patination of the bronze commensurate with age and use. Smart addition to a 'Grand Tour' collection of architectural models. H (full) 9" H (bronze) 8" Dia 4.75" Base 5" sq. Italy c. 1870

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