

SA418459

C19th French 'Grand Tour' souvenir bronze study , after the antique, of "The Borghese Gladiator ".

Price

GBP 1,500

| USD \$2,026 | EUR 1,754

Item Reference: SA418459

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 38 cm (15.0")

Width = 27 cm (10.6")

Depth = 13 cm (5.1")

Description

C19th French 'Grand Tour' souvenir bronze study , after the antique , of "The Borghese Gladiator ". Good large-scale bronze reduction of the ancient Hellenistic marble original now exhibited at the Louvre Museum , Paris , France. The statue was discovered at Nettuno, near Anzio , Italy in 1611 and thence to Cardinal Borghese's estate where it remained in a room named after it at the Villa Borghese , until 1807 when it was sold to Napoleon Bonaparte and taken to Paris. The original marble sculpture signed by 'Agasias of Ephesus , son of Dositheus ' circa 100 BC . The study depicts the warrior in fighting pose with well-sculpted muscular physique and torso , having lost both his defensive shield and sword from his hands . This version has been cast with a modesty fig-leaf . Excellent dark green-ish consistent patination . Raised upon an integral rectangular plinth base , inscribed in fine script "Musee de Louvre" to front edge . Examples of this iconic statue grace the museums , gardens and great houses and private collections of the world , including Houghton Hall , Highgrove , Chatsworth , Blenheim and Windsor . H 15" W 10.5" D 5" France c.1875

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