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Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA427251

Date of manufacture: 1890

Dimensions

Height = 30 cm (11.8")

Width = 15 cm (5.9")

Depth = 15 cm (5.9")

Description

C19th Italian carved alabaster 'Grand Tour' souvenir sculpture ,after the antique, of "Spinario" or "The Thorn Puller". Originally recorded as seated outside the Lateran Palace , Rome, in 1165, the celebrated Roman marble sculpture from the Medici collections ,is now exhibited in a corridor at the Uffizi Gallery, Florence , Italy. The Greco-Romano Hellenistic bronze version is now housed in the Capitoline Museum, Palazzo dei Conservatori, Rome , where it was placed in the 1400's. Known to have been studied by , and to have influenced some of the greatest Renaissance sculptors such as Michelangelo . Copies of the statue were gifted to ,and commissioned by ,the Kings and aristocrats of Europe throughout the C16th . Examples can be found amongst the collections of the great aristocratic and Royal houses and museums of the world . "Lo Spinario" or "Il Fidele" (The Faithful) was thought by some scholars, to depict a faithful lowly shepherd boy who having delivered a message to the Roman Senate ,his errand run , has stopped to remove the thorn from his foot. However, later thinking is that the sculpture's origins pre-date this theory . Well carved and good scale versi...

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