

SA457656

Late C19th Italian 'Grand Tour ' souvenir carved serpentine marble study of "Il Porcellino" or the Uffizzi boar.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA457656

Date of manufacture: 1870

Dimensions

Height = 13 cm (5.1")

Width = 12 cm (4.7")

Depth = 9 cm (3.5")

Description

Late C19th Italian 'Grand Tour ' souvenir carved serpentine marble study of "Il Porcellino" or the Uffizzi boar. Skilfully carved from Italian green serpentine marble . The original bronze sculpture was cast by Baroque Master Pietro Tacca (1577-1640) after a Hellenistic marble original now on display in the Uffizzi Museum, Florence, Italy. Tacca's bronze can now be seen in the Museo Bardini , Palazzo Mozzi. Traditionally coins were fed to to the boar for good luck and rubbing the snout ensured a return to Florence, hence the polished nose. The boar is based on the Calydonian boar of Greek Mythology. A bronze casting now stands in the Mercato Nuovo close by the Ponte Vecchio in Florence , and is one of the city's tourist attractions . Nice small-scale copy with excellent attention to detail with well-carved features , faithfully copying the original. In excellent condition, with no damage ,chips or repairs. H 5" W 5.5" D 3.5" Italy c.1870

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