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Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA463196

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 65 cm (25.6")

Width = 16 cm (6.3")

Depth = 12 cm (4.7")

Description

Large C19th Italian bronze 'Grand Tour' souvenir statue , after the antique, of "Venus of Capua". The original Venus of Capua , named after it's place of discovery at the ruins of an ancient amphitheatre in Capua , southern Italy, is now on display in the Museo Archeologico Nazionale , Naples ,Italy. A Roman study of the Greek Goddess Aphrodite, the cult of Venus continued throughout the Roman period where she came to symbolise Rome's Imperial power. Like her Greek counterpart, Aphrodite , Venus was intimately associated with love and beauty. The statue's pose arising from having originally held a shield , the image of the goddess portrays the desirability of military success and civic peace. Her foot is shown atop the helmet of Ares, God of War , and combines sexual allure and martial symbolism. Good large-scale bronze reduction copy probably produced in Naples , Italy , for sale as a souvenir to wealthy tourists undertaking the 'Grand Tour' of the sites and sights of classical Europe. Excellent quality casting with exceptional detail to the hair , hands, feet and facial features. Has an exceptionally attractive green hue to the deeply-patinated surface. Raised on an...

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