

SA471096

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Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA471096

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 26 cm (10.2")

Width = 20 cm (7.9")

Depth = 10 cm (3.9")

Description

C19th Italian 'Grand Tour' souvenir bronze figure , after the antique, of the drunken faun . Well-cast bronze reduction of desk-top scale , depicting the study of the drunken satyr or faun excavated at Pompeii from the site of the House of the Patrician or Centenary. Discovered by the pool in the Peristyle or open colonnade at the site ,and mounted upon a stepped block of pale limestone or tufa . The original sculpture now housed in the 'Museo Archeologico Nazionale ' , Naples, Italy . The drunken faun is shown in a staggering pose , a look of intense intoxicated concentration on his face as he attempts to fill a cup (deficient as in the original) from a wine-skin bladder slung over his shoulder. A nice scaled-down copy with a deep 'faux excavation' verdigris patination , and also mounted upon a stepped block of aged white limestone as the original. Shown completely naked , the well-modelled and balanced figure , conveys the acute movement and motion of the drunken faun , his muscular body and torso complete with a faun's tail . Probably Neapolitan, by the likes of the Sommer or Chiurazzi foundries . H 10" W 8" D 4" Italy c.1880
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