

SA489551

C19th French bronze 'Grand Tour' souvenir sculpture, after the antique, of "Spinario".

Price

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Item Reference: SA489551

Date of manufacture: 1870

Dimensions

Height = 36 cm (14.2")

Width = 26 cm (10.2")

Depth = 13 cm (5.1")

Description

C19th French bronze 'Grand Tour' souvenir sculpture, after the antique, of "Spinario". Well-cast bronze reduction of the iconic "Spinario" or "The Thorn Puller". This larger scale example cast after a model by Jean-Antoine Houdon 1741-1828 (inscribed to rear) and inscribed to the base "Musee du Capitole", where the original is now exhibited. The Spinario sculpture was originally recorded outside the Lateran Palace, Rome c. 1165. The Roman bronze was a copy of a lost Hellenistic 3rd Century marble statue. Also known as "Il Fedele", the sculpture captures the boy subject in intense concentration attempting to remove a thorn from the sole of his foot. Good larger-scale copy with rich, dark patination. Minor loss of colour to the head from handling. H 14" W 10" D 5" France c.1870

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