

SA502239

Rare Large Swinging Mystery Clock La Victoire by Émile Bruchon (active 1880 -1910)

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA502239****Date of manufacture: 1890**

Dimensions

Height = 105 cm (41.3")

Width = 40 cm (15.7")

Depth = 30 cm (11.8")

Description

~ French - Circa 1890 ~ ~~ Excellent condition, fully overhauled ~~ Standing at 3 1/2 ft in height this is the rare large version of the French swinging mystery clock. The figure is La Victoire by Émile Bruchon, beautifully and boldly modelled in bronze patinated metal. He holds aloft the pendulum which swings gently with seemingly no means to maintain its momentum. The secret is that this is a compound pendulum, a small, heavy pendulum swings in harmony inside the bronzed sphere to actuate the movement. The winged figure of victory holds the large pendulum aloft triumphantly which swings gently to-and-fro. The modelling is beautifully sharp and crisp, full of drama and movement. The patination of the figure is a lovely deep bronze with the wings and the rocky base having a slight coloured tint. The two spheres of the pendulum have a beautiful bronze patination. The figure has the incised signature 'Bruchon' and a mark 'Paris'. The mahogany pedestal in the pictures is also available. Émile Bruchon is listed in Dictionary of sculptors, Pierre Kjellberg as working in 1880. He was a student of Mathurin Moreau. The French movement is of high quality and is in excellen...

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