

SA555573

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Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA555573

Date of manufacture: 1890

Dimensions

Height = 60 cm (23.6")

Width = 50 cm (19.7")

Depth = 23 cm (9.1")

Description

Large late C19th Italian 'Grand Tour' souvenir bronze figure , after the antique, of the Drunken Faun of Pompeii. Verdigris bronze copy of the statue of the acclaimed satyr or Faun from ill-fated Pompeii , cast by the Sommer Foundry , Naples.. The Roman original excavated at Pompeii from the site of the House of the aristocratic Patrician or Centenary. Discovered beside the water-pool or pluvium , in the peristyle at the property .Mounted upon a stone block of 'tufa' or limestone , the re-discovered original sculpture now in the 'Museo Archeologico Nazionale', Naples , Italy. The mythological woodland faun creature is depicted in a staggering , seemingly intoxicated pose , a look of intense concentration on his face as he attempts to fill a wine cup (deficient as in the original) from a wine-skin or bladder slung over his arm . A true to scale copy of the magnificent Roman original with a 'faux excavation ' verdigris patination , and mounted upon a stepped block of riven and aged white marble or limestone , copying the original. Shown completely naked , the well-modelled and balanced statue , conveys the motion and movement of the intoxicated satyr , his muscul...

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