

SA584412

C19th Italian bronze 'Grand Tour' souvenir architectural reduction model of "The Temple of Hercules Victor" .

Price

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Item Reference: SA584412

Date of manufacture: 1860

Dimensions

Height = 15 cm (5.9")

Width = 16 cm (6.3")

Depth = 16 cm (6.3")

Description

C19th Italian bronze 'Grand Tour' souvenir architectural reduction model of "The Temple of Hercules Victor". Well-cast and detailed model of the ancient Roman colonnaded temple dedicated to Hercules in the Piazza Bocca della Verità, Rome. The Corinthian capped fluted columns supporting the tiled and pitched roof. The centre of the bronze model with a lift-out centre, having probably been conceived as a pastille burner or desk-top ink-well. The model being accurately cast showing the remaining 19 columns, one as in life, having been damaged. The columns surrounding a central circular 'cella'. The temple being the earliest surviving marble building in Rome having been erected 2nd Century BC by L. Mummius Achaicus, conqueror of the Achaean and destroyer of Corinth. Mounted upon an original block base of 'Belgio Nero' black marble. In excellent original condition, with only minor historic chips to the edge of the marble base. H 5.5" W 6" D 6" Italy, Rome c. 1860

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