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C19th Large Italian Marble Sculpture of the Uffizi Wrestlers

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA592030****Date of manufacture: 1860**

Dimensions

Height = 61 cm (24.0")

Width = 71 cm (28.0")

Depth = 47 cm (18.5")

Description

Exceptional C19th large Italian marble sculpture of the Uffizi Wrestlers; this large scale classical grand tour sculpture carved in serpentine marble, showing good movement and with fine detail. Italian circa 1860 Good condition Dimensions (ins) 28 wide x 18.5 deep x 24 high The Wrestlers (also known as The Two Wrestlers, The Uffizi Wrestlers or The Pancrastinae) is a Roman marble sculpture after a lost Greek original of the third century BC. It is now in the Uffizi collection in Florence, Italy. The statue was found in Rome in the middle of the 16th century. The work depicts two naked men struggling. One of them overwhelms the other, holds his right arm and is about to hit him. The athlete on the floor tries to lift himself. Pankration (translated from Greek as "all of might") was a violent, unrestrained combat sport practiced in ancient Greece, consisting primarily of elements of pygmachia (boxing) and palé (wrestling). It was featured at all four of the Panhellenic festivals; the ancient Olympic Games, Isthmian Games, Pythian Games, and Nemean Games.

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