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Early Antique French Alabaster Clock Set ~ Cupid after Etienne Maurice Falconet (1716-1791)

Price

GBP 4,350

| USD \$5,886 | EUR 5,090

Item Reference: SA621551**Date of manufacture: 1850**

Dimensions

Height = 46.5 cm (18.3")

Width = 29 cm (11.4")

Depth = 16 cm (6.3")

Description

~ French - Circa 1820 ~ ~~ Excellent condition, fully working ~~ An early and stunning clock set featuring a charming figure of Cupid, L'Amour Menaçant (Menacing Love) after the famous sculpture by Falconet currently in the Louvre. It is beautifully carved from crisp white alabaster, Cupid leans on the clock, asking for silence as he pulls out an arrow. The pair of classical urns are finely carved to be semi transparent, decorated with beautiful acanthus leaves. The dial is mercury gilded bronze (Bronze Doré) with engine turned centre and Breguet hands in blued steel. The dial is signed for the clockmaker Philippe Thomas of Paris. The French movement is of high quality and is in excellent clean and running condition. It is an early movement with silk suspension and outside hammer spring. Pendulum is a replacement. It runs for 8 days and strikes the hours and halves on a bell. Click the video clip below to hear the bell and watch the clock running! This famous Sèvres model is known as l'Amour Falconet after designer Etienne Maurice Falconet, director of sculpture at Sèvres from 1757 to 1766. He exhibited the original plaster versions of the figure at the Salon in 175...

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