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'Grand Tour' souvenir after the
antique , of Athena Promachos .

Price

GBP 750

| USD \$1,015 | EUR 878

Item Reference: SA631954

Date of manufacture: 1860

Dimensions

Height = 30 cm (11.8")

Width = 8 cm (3.1")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

Description

C19th gilded bronze classical 'Grand Tour' souvenir after the antique , of Athena Promachos . Classically posed standing figure in gilded bronze of the Greek goddess of war Athena , being a reduction of the ancient original colossal bronze sculpture by Pheidias which stood between the Parthenon and the Propylaea on the Acropolis, Athens, Greece . Known to the Romans as Minerva , the goddess is shown in her distinctive helmet , cuirass and draped cloak , holding a spear in her right hand . Raised on a black marble plinth base . Some minor wear and rubbing to the gilding commensurate with age and handling . Athena , daughter of Zeus, was worshipped as the goddess of justice, warfare , mathematics, wisdom , courage , civilisation and skill . Rare example in gilded bronze for a 'Grand Tour' or classical collection. The title of 'Promachos' refers to the Ancient Greek term used to describe the first line of fighting men in a battle formation phalanx . H 12" (figure) W 3" D 3" Italy c. 1860

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