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Price

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Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 37 cm (14.6")

Width = 12 cm (4.7")

Depth = 12 cm (4.7")

Description

C19th Italian 'Grand Tour' souvenir classical bronze sculpture, after the antique, of Dionysus, known as "Narcissus". Well-cast dark green patinated bronze of this iconic statue produced in Naples, possibly by the Chiurazzi foundry. Particularly finely cast detail throughout, particularly to the intricate bound sandal straps, the feet, head and facial expression. Depicted in contrapposto pose, a wine skin slung over his shoulder, entirely naked except for his sandals and the grape-vine in his hair. The Greek god Dionysus, Bacchus to the Romans is the God of wine, the grape harvest, ritual madness, religious ecstasy and theatre. The discovery and excavation of the original sculpture at Pompeii in 1862, caused a sensation and the image was much sought after by European collectors and "Grand Tourists" alike. This good mid-size example in excellent original condition and with a consistent patination and colour. The antique original now exhibited in the Museo Nazionale, Naples, Italy. H 15" W 5" D 5" Italy c. 1880

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