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C19th 'Grand Tour' souvenir bronze statue, after the antique, "The Dancing Faun with Clappers" .

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA641720

Date of manufacture: 1870

Dimensions

Height = 55 cm (21.7")

Width = 25 cm (9.8")

Depth = 25 cm (9.8")

Description

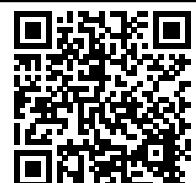
C19th 'Grand Tour' souvenir bronze statue , after the antique,"The Dancing Faun with Clappers" . Good large-scale bronze figure of the iconic woodland Faun from Greco-Romano mythology. Depicted with pointed ears , tail and frenzied facial expression, dancing with cymbals in his hands whilst his right foot rests upon a 'scabellum' (an Ancient Greek percussion instrument) . The original ancient marble torso attributed to Praxiteles of Athens , was first recorded in the C17th in the collection of the Duke of Tuscany , thought to have had the head and arms replaced and modelled by the great Renaissance master Michelangelo. Now in the Uffizi, Florence, Italy . Versions of this iconic statue grace the great collections and museums of the world, including a large copy cast after Massimiliano Soldani Benz (1648-1740) in the grounds of Blenheim Place , Oxfordshire, seat of the Dukes of Marlborough. This well-cast bronze version depicted entirely naked and raised on an integral oval base with cast trailing ivy detail , an ivy-wrapped tree-trunk to the side . The whole sculpture having a consistent dark green patination to the bronze . The faun having well-defined musculatur...

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