

SA652494

Fine C19th Italian bronze
'Grand Tour' souvenir type
inkwell , attributed to
Benedetto Boschetti, Rome.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA652494

Date of manufacture: 1860

Dimensions

Height = 18 cm (7.1")

Width = 12 cm (4.7")

Depth = 12 cm (4.7")

Description

Fine C19th Italian bronze 'Grand Tour' souvenir type inkwell, attributed to Benedetto Boschetti, Rome. Circular cast bronze lidded inkwell mounted on a Rosso Antico and Nero Belgio base. The body of fluted circular urn form with three lions mask mounts , raised on lion's paw feet . The top edge cast with ovolo or 'egg-and-dart' detail . The removable domed lid with a detailed cast figure surmount of a pensively-posed winged Cupid with a quiver of arrows . The interior lacking it's glass ink container. The quality of the casting and subject matter , together with the use of the red and black marble base , lead us to the probable attribution to the workshops of Benedetto Boschetti (1820-70) 74 Via Condotti Rome . Boschetti supplied high quality works of art to satisfy the academic and sophisticated tastes of Grand Tourists . His work was widely praised and he was awarded a medal at the Great Exhibition of 1851 in London . The figure of Cupid as portrayed here , echoes one of his most celebrated works of a mosaic table in the Gilbert Collection, depicting the 'Triumph of Cupid' . Excellent consistent golden patination and colour. H 7" W 5" D 5" Italy c.1860

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