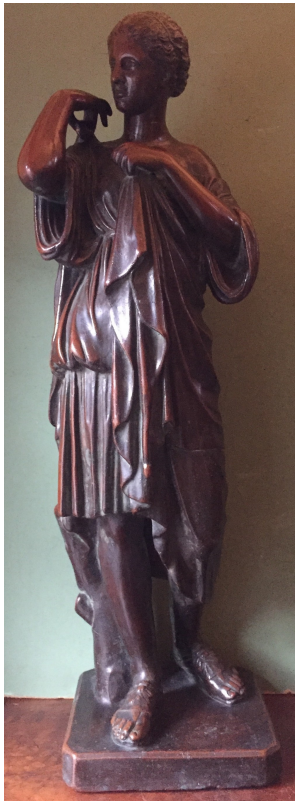


SA666758

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Price

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Item Reference: SA666758

Date of manufacture: 1870

Dimensions

Height = 72 cm (28.3")

Width = 20 cm (7.9")

Depth = 20 cm (7.9")

Description

Interesting and decorative classical C19th bronzed 'electrotype' copper-clad study , after the antique , of "Diane de Gabies". Good large-scale reduction copy of the Diana of Gabii statue of the female goddess in draped cloak representing Artemis and traditionally attributed to the Ancient Greek sculptor Praxiteles. The ancient statue was discovered in 1792 by Gavin Hamilton, the antiquarian and dealer , on the property of the Prince Borghese at Gabii near Rome , Italy . In 1807 the sculpture was sold to Napoleon and has been on display in the Louvre, Paris since 1820 . The subject depicts Artemis or Diana, virgin Goddess of hunting and wild nature , wearing a short chiton draped across her body , supported by a tree stump . Interestingly this statue has been produced to resemble an expensive bronze casting , though it is a fine patinated copper casting lain over a composition core . This 'electrotyping' technique was developed and produced by the English firm of Elkington & Co., and although unmarked , is undoubtedly by the esteemed company. The statue became immensely popular in the C19th , a plaster copy was placed in The 'Athenaeum Club' in London , whilst bronz...

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