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C19th English Parian-ware bust
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nymph from Greek Mythology.

Price

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Item Reference: SA666780

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 30 cm (11.8")

Width = 23 cm (9.1")

Depth = 15 cm (5.9")

Description

C19th English Parian-ware bust study of Clytie , the water nymph from Greek Mythology. Beautiful study of the mythological water nymph in fine Parian porcelain probably by the English factories of Minton, Ridgway or Copeland but unmarked. In Greek Mythology, Clytie daughter of Oceanus and Tethys had an unrequited love for Helios , the sun god .Heartbroken she was turned into a sun-flower or heliotrope, which turns its head always to look longingly at Helios's chariot of the sun . This depiction shows the body of the nymph grown from the flower of the heliotrope at the base . Parian ware was named after Paros the Greek island renowned for its pure white statuary marble . Copy of a Roman marble original excavated at Naples ,Italy . The original thought to depict the young Antonia as Clytie , now in the collection of The British Museum, previously in the collection of the antiquarian and collector Charles Townley . In excellent original condition with no damage or repairs. H 12" W 9" D 6" England c .1860

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