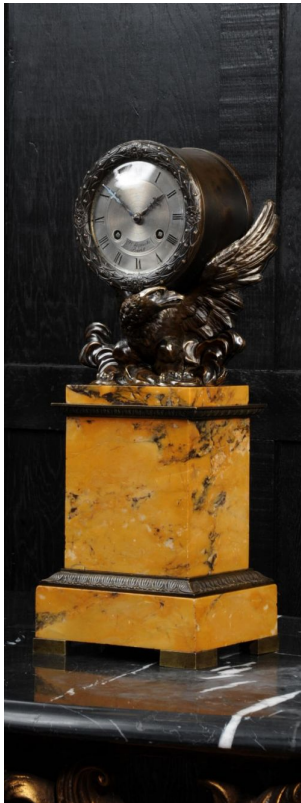


SA670102

Early Bronze and Sienna Marble Eagle Drumhead Clock by Lepaute

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA670102****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 44 cm (17.3")

Width = 18 cm (7.1")

Depth = 14 cm (5.5")

Description

~ French - Circa 1820 ~ ~ Excellent condition, fully overhauled ~ ~ A stunning early clock from the famous Lepaute dynasty of clockmakers. A superbly modelled bronze eagle carries the clock upon its back, perched upon a rock. The plinth is of beautifully figured Sienna marble mounted with bronze. The dial is engine turned and silvered bronze. It is signed for H Lepaute. The bronze bezel is fitted with convex glass and the rear bezel is also glazed to allow the movement to be seen. Both bezels are the original bronze with the earlier bayonet type fitting. An extensive biography of the Lepaute family is in Tardy Dictionnaire Des Horologers Jean-Joseph Lepaute, 1769-1846, was the great nephew of the founder of the Lepaute dynasty Jean-Andre Lepaute, 1720-1789. Jean-Joseph joined the Company as junior partner to Pierre-Basil Lepaute who was the son of Jean-Andre's brother Joseph. The partnership was perhaps the most fruitful of them all and together they made a great number of pieces for the Chateaux of the Tuilleries, St. Cloud, Trianon and Fontainebleau. In 1811 the firm divided and Pierre-Basil formed his own firm with his son Pierre-Michel under the name of Lepaute Fi...

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