

SA689268

Psyche and the Butterfly - Large and Stunning Early Ormolu ANtique French Clock

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA689268****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 56 cm (22.0")

Width = 38.5 cm (15.2")

Depth = 15 cm (5.9")

Description

~ French - Circa 1820 ~ ~~ Excellent condition, fully overhauled ~~ A large, fine and early French empire ormolu (mercury fire gilded or bronze doré) clock. The original gilding is in exquisite condition with a lovely golden glow. The clock depicts the goddess Psyche with a butterfly gently resting on her shoulder, seated on a rock containing the movement. She is often depicted with a butterfly as a symbol of rebirth or awaking. She is beautifully modelled and very finely finished and gilded. The dial is porcelain enamel on copper with gilt brass breguet hands. Please note this style of clock does not have a glass bezel or rear door. The early French movement is of high quality and is in excellent clean and running condition having been fully overhauled by our clockmaker. It an early French movement with silk suspension. Pendulum is a replacement. It runs for 8 days and strikes the hours and halves on a bell. Click the video clip below to hear the bell and watch the clock running! Condition of the case is excellent, the original gilding is beautifully clean and bright with some wear, mostly to the sides and rear of the case as these areas were not as heavily gilded ...

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