

SA698447

Venus and Putto Playing with a Dog ~ Sèvres Porcelain and Ormolu Clock ~ Marie-Antoinette

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA698447****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 36.5 cm (14.4")

Width = 26 cm (10.2")

Depth = 17 cm (6.7")

Description

Shipping worldwide as usual ~ French - Circa 1870 ~ ~~ Excellent condition, fully overhauled ~~ A stunning ormolu and Sèvres style porcelain clock, after the original clock in Marie-Antoinette's apartment in the Palace of Versailles. Venus is beautifully depicted leaning on a classical column with two doves, two entwined hearts in her left hand. The column is of Paris porcelain in the Sèvres style. To the right of the column, a most charming allegory of loyalty, a young putto playing with a small dog. The whole rests on an oval base with projections adorned with a frieze of laurels backed with silver plated copper standing on 6 feet with leafy tops. The dial is porcelain on copper with the original beautifully cut gilt hands. The dial is signed in Homage to the 18th century clockmaker Pierre Merra Marie-Antoinette's Bathroom The original 18th Century clock is still in position on the marble mantle in the Queen's small apartments, in her bathroom. Marie-Antoinette had them created in 1782 and the new rooms consisted of: a bedroom, a library and the bathroom. 6 years later the Queen had the rooms refurbished and the wood-paneling decorated by the Rousseau brothers...

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