

SA755895

Antique, Pair, Marly Horses, French, Bronze, Equestrian, Statue, After Coustou

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA755895****Date of manufacture: 1900**

Dimensions

Height = 33.5 cm (13.2")

Width = 33 cm (13.0")

Depth = 15.5 cm (6.1")

Description

This is an antique pair of Marly horses. A French, bronze equestrian statue after Guillaume Coustou (1677-1746), dating to the late 19th century, circa 1900. Beguiling representations of the famous Marly marble horses - now in the Louvre Each displays a desirable aged patina Pleasingly heavy bronze in very good order Weighing 6.95kg and 6.94kg respectively (15.3lb each) Two horses rear up as their grooms struggle to contain their power Superb craftsmanship captures the majesty of each horse Defined, muscular haunches give a fine sense of motion Further detailed with flowing mane and serpentine tail A look of surprise and fear captured on the groom's faces Delicate leather reigns the only means of asserting control Their athletic form depicts primitive nature - a break from the mythological references of the time Commissioned by King Louis XV, they originally stood in the gardens of the Chateau de Marly Presented upon a detailed plinth and bearing the signature of the sculptural artist Coustou This is a striking and highly desirable antique pair of Marly horses. Once considered a masterpiece of French sculpture, the marble originals faithfully represented here in quali...

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