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Scarce C19th Italian Neapolitan 'Grand Tour' souvenir bronze reduction of The Drunken Satyr of Herculaneum.

Price

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Item Reference: SA866969

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 25 cm (9.8")

Width = 30 cm (11.8")

Depth = 12 cm (4.7")

Description

Scarce C19th Italian Neapolitan 'Grand Tour' souvenir bronze reduction of The Drunken Satyr of Herculaneum. Well-cast model of the bronze statue after the antique, of the drunken elderly Satyr or faun ("satiro ebbro"), depicted lying naked on a rock upon a lion's skin. Excavated from Vesuvius-stricken buried Herculaneum in 1754 from the Villa of the Papyri, where it had adorned a swimming pool in the middle of the peristyle or colonnaded garden. The sculpture depicts a follower of the wine god Dionysus in inebriated repose. Excellent attention to detail with a rich consistent patina and colour. The original 1st century BC Roman bronze statue now displayed in the Naples Archaeological Museum in Italy. H 10" W 12" D 5" Italy, Naples c.1880

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