

SA875581

1878 Paris Exposition Balloon Ascent Medal - Henri Giffard

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA875581****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 5 cm (2.0")

Width = 5 cm (2.0")

Depth = 0.5 cm (0.2")

Description

For sale an 1878 Henri Giffard Balloon Ascent over Paris Medal by Charles Troitin. This large historic gilt medal has a 2" diameter, the top with gilt suspension ring, French Tricolore ribbon and original suspension bar fastened inside. The obverse face of the medal is engraved with a scene of Paris and Giffard's balloon making its famed ascent. The base is engraved with the words, " PANORAMA DE PARIS - 1878". The reverse is very simply engraved with: "SOUVENIR DE MON ASCENSION DANS LE GRAND BALLON CAPTIF A VAPEUR DE MR HENRY GIFFARD" (Souvenir of my ascent in the large captive hot air balloon of Mr Henry Giffard) Giffard's balloon ascent was staged as part of the numerous spectacles planned for the 1878 Paris Exposition Fair which brought exhibitors from all over the world and ran from the 1st of May to the 10th of November 1878. It was a highly important event for the French who were keen to recover quickly from the ravages of the Franco / Prussian War that had only ended in 1871, the damage of which, would still have been clearly visible across Paris's architecture at the time. Giffard's balloon was placed in prime position on the Northern bank of the Seine in th...

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