

SA894922

19th Century Pair of Grand Tour Bronzes (Narcissus & Venus)

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA894922****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Height = 42.5 cm (16.7")

Width = 20 cm (7.9")

Depth = 16 cm (6.3")

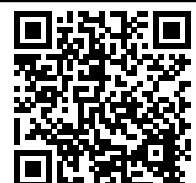
Description

A rare pair of late C19th 'Grand Tour' bronze sculptures of Narcissus and Venus of Capua. Signed by foundry 'M. Amodio, Napoli'. On engraved circular bases. Excellent quality castings, condition and deep rich patina. Circa 1880. 16.5" & 16" high. Price includes free delivery throughout the UK. Narcissus is depicted in 'contrapposto' pose, a wine-skin slung over his shoulder, entirely naked except for his sandals and the grapes in his hair. Also known as Greek god Dionysus, Bacchus to the Romans, is the God of wine, the grape harvest, ritual madness, religious ecstasy and theatre. The antique original now exhibited in Museo Nazionale, Naples, Italy, was originally found in 1862 at Pompeii, was identified as Narcissus. Years later it was identified as Dionysus. Venus is depicted here semi-naked in a shapely pose, probably admiring her reflection in the shiny surface of her lover Ares' shield, which she previously held, partially clad in a robe, a diadem in her hair, with her left foot on the helmet of Ares (Mars to the Romans) the God of War. Also known as Aphrodite, she is the Roman goddess of love, beauty, desire, sex, fertility, prosperity and victory. The original mar...

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