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Large late C19th Italian Neapolitan 'Grand Tour' souvenir bronze sculpture , after the antique , of Dionysus known popularly as Narcissus.

Price

GBP 1,800

| USD \$2,436 | EUR 2,106

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Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 65 cm (25.6")

Width = 25 cm (9.8")

Depth = 25 cm (9.8")

Description

Large late C19th Italian Neapolitan 'Grand Tour' souvenir bronze sculpture, after the antique, of Dionysus, known popularly as Narcissus . Neapolitan bronze casting probably by Chiurazzi foundry of the iconic bronze statue of Dionysus . The youthful god is depicted entirely naked except for a wine-skin slung over his shoulder , a grape-vine in his hair and wearing elaborate sandals, standing in a contrapposto pose . The circular base with a decorative cast edge of classical design. This casting of the statue having been produced in a 'faux excavation' finish and patina, copying the antique original unearthed at Pompeii in 1862. The discovery was a sensation at the time and copies of this evocative bronze were highly sought after by collectors , classical scholars and 'Grand Tourists' alike . The image was thought to portray the subject admiring his reflection in a pool , hence the title Narcissus . The Greek god Dionysus, known as Bacchus to the Romans , is the god of wine , the grape harvest, ritual madness and celebration. The original bronze statue is now exhibited in the Museo Nazionale , Naples, Italy

In excellent original condition with a dark green 'f...

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