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Mid C19th Italian 'Grand Tour' souvenir bronze study of "The Apollo Belvedere", after the antique

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA930859

Date of manufacture: 1850

Dimensions

Height = 38 cm (15.0")

Width = 25 cm (9.8")

Depth = 12 cm (4.7")

Description

Mid C19th Italian 'Grand Tour' souvenir bronze study of "The Apollo Belvedere", after the antique. Exceptional quality cast bronze reduction of the iconic 2nd century AD Roman marble statue of Apollo, the original now exhibited in the Belvedere courtyard of the Vatican Pio-Clementine Museums in Rome, Italy. Known therefore as the "Apollo Belvedere" or "Pythian Apollo", the god is depicted in contrapposto pose, naked having had a bow in his hand, a cloak over his shoulder and wearing a quiver, leaning against a tree stump. The god is portrayed as having just fired an arrow slaying the legendary python or serpent guarding Delphi in mythology. Revered by classicists and collectors, examples of the statue can be found in the leading museums, art collections and noble houses of the world. Excellent rich colour and patina with minor high-points. A particularly heavily-cast bronze of high quality and definition. H 15.5" W 10" D 5" Italy c.1850

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