

SA971412

Bergman: Large Austrian cold-painted bronze model of a Cockatoo

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA971412****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 30.5 cm (12.0")

Width = 20.4 cm (8.0")

Depth = 12.7 cm (5.0")

Description

A good and quite large (12 inch tall) Austrian cold-painted bronze model of a Cockatoo perched on a tripod tree stump. Very well modelled and retaining almost all of its original paintwork. A charming model with lovely character. Stamped with the famous Bergman trademark urn cartouche (see photo) also Geschutz factory stamp and numbers "33 053". Dimensions: Height: 12 inches (30.5 cm). Width: 8 inches (20.4 cm). Depth: 5 inches (12.7 cm). Weight: 2.4 kg Date: c.1890-1900 Franz Xavier Bergman(n) 1861-1936. Bergmann is often incorrectly described as a sculptor, but he was not; he was a foundry owner. His workshops employed, on a temporary basis, many anonymous sculptors. He is nonetheless noted for his detailed and colourful work. He signed his pieces with a letter 'B' in an urn-shaped cartouche, as in this case. The term 'cold-painted bronze' refers to pieces cast in Vienna and then decorated in several layers with so-called dust paint; the know-how for the mix of this kind of paint has been lost. The colour was not fired, hence 'cold painted'.

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