

SA981835

19th-Century French Flame Mahogany Napoleon Empire Period Mantel Clock

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA981835****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 30 cm (11.8")

Width = 19.7 cm (7.8")

Depth = 17 cm (6.7")

Description

A superb 19th-Century French Flame Mahogany Napoleon Empire Period Egyptian style Mantel Clock. This clock was produced in the French Empire period, in the first quarter of the nineteenth century. At a result of Napoleon's campaign in Egypt there was a renewed interest in classical antiquity. This is reflected in the two high-quality ormolu sphinxes in the niches on the base of the case. This austere mahogany-veneered oak case has a door at the back to access the movement and the pendulum. The case rests on four gilt brass bun feet. The circular enamel dial has a fine chapter ring with Roma hour numerals, Arabic quarter-hour, five-minute and minute divisions. It is protected by a convex glass, set in an engine-turned gilt brass bezel. It is signed à Paris. The time is indicated by a fine pair of blued steel Breguet hands. The spring-driven eight-day movement consists of going and striking trains. The going train has anchor escapement with a short silk-suspended pendulum, whilst the count-wheel controlled striking train indicates the hours fully and the half hours with one stroke on a bell, mounted on the backplate of the movement.

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