

SA991803

Large Early 19th Century Plaster Keystone Mask of Hercules

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA991803****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 76 cm (29.9")

Width = 47 cm (18.5")

Depth = 32 cm (12.6")

Description

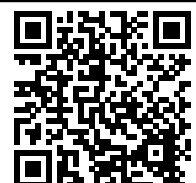
A rare, large and impressive plaster keystone mask of Hercules, English or Italian, circa 1820, with Nemean lion pelt headdress. Dimensions: 76cm high, 47cm wide, 32cm deep. In classical mythology, Hercules was famous for his strength, and killing the lion was his first task. This ambitious plaster casting, after the Roman marble statue of a bearded Hercules now in The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, was presumably intended for a Country House folly or orangery based on its impressive scale and proportions. As a statement piece it would work as the centrepiece of an interior room, perhaps over a chimneypiece. It wouldn't look out of place in Sir John Soane's museum! <https://www.soane.org> <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/247001> (Black urn not included, just for scale.)

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