



## Directoire Pendulum In Gilt Bronze With Mercury: Fidelity



8 500 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Length : 27.5 cm

Height : 42.5 cm

Depth : 12 cm

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### Description

This Directoire clock (1795-1799), in sumptuously decorated gilded bronze, represents a woman and her dog in an allegory of fidelity. The movement is set in an octagonal case and around the bezel of the movement is a second octagonal shaped knurled bezel decorated with shell motifs. This clock is flanked by two circular half-columns decorated with vine garlands and topped with a vase. At the top, we see the woman sitting on a fountain, while a dog sits next to her and the fountain spouts water into a basin. The entire scene is placed on a base mounted on four spinning top legs with a frontal bas-relief representing a basket of flowers, fruits and pastoral attributes. The representation of the woman and her dog, a faithful animal, testifies to the taste of the end of the 18th century, very

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inclined to offer scenes of daily life. Water, suggested by the fountain and the numerous shells, is an essential element for life, and its presence is generally interpreted as a regenerative element. A version of this clock with a spinner is in the collection of the Mobilier National in Paris. This clock is in excellent condition with its magnificent original mercury gilding. The spinner spindle is missing. The eight-day movement has a silk-thread suspension and strikes the hour and half-hour. Perfect working condition.