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**Adolphe Itasse (1830 - 1893)**

**'L'Amour Vainqueur'**

Circa: Circa 1887

70 x 33 x 25 cm (27 1/4 x 13 inches)

France

1887

Signed 'A. Itasse' and dated 1887, further inscribed 'W. BOUGUEREAU INV' and stamped 43857. The marble base with a plaque inscribed 'L'Amour Vainqueur W. Bouguereau INVT'

'L'Amour Vainqueur', A Finely modelled and patinated bronze figural group by Adolphe Itasse.

The inspiration for this fine bronze group was the painting of the same title by the celebrated artist William-Adolphe Bouguereau, painted in 1886.

### **Artist description:**

Adolphe Itasse an important French sculptor born in Loumarin (Vaucluse) in 1830 and died in Paris in 1893. He studied under Belloc and Jacquot and exhibited at the Salon from 1864 to 1893.

He worked on a number of public commissions for the Louvre (Retour de la Chasse), l Opera (Philidor, Puccini, Cambert), the Trocadero Palace (L Astronomie) and Hotel de Ville de Paris (La Vapeur ; Le Gaz).

He specialised in busts, portrait reliefs and heads of contemporary personalities. He also sculpted a number of genre and allegorical works, such as The Kiss, The Birth of Love, Astronomy and Science. Amongst other awards he won a medal at the 1875 Salon and an honorable mention at the Universal Exhibition of 1889.

Makers Bibliography:

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