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JAPY FRERES

A Fine Gilt-Bronze and Sèvres Style Porcelain Mounted Figural Clock

Circa: Circa 1880

60 x 42 x 18 cm (23⁵/₁₆ x 16¹/₁₆ inches)

Porcelain Gilt-Bronze

France

1880

Stamped '4800 MF' and '55' with Japy Freres & Cie Medaille d'Honneur pastille mark, the gilt bronze stamped 'LC'.

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The eight-day twin-train movement striking on the half and full hour, counting the hours.

This fine clock has a gilt-bronze and bleu celeste ground Sèvres style porcelain portico form case, with a finely cast gilt-bronze figure of a dancing maiden with a tambourine and attendant putto.

The jewelled circular porcelain dial is centred by a reserve of two winged cherubs on the back of a recumbent lion, against a blue celeste ground with enamel Roman numerals.

Artist description:

Frédéric Japy (1749-1812) was apprenticed in Montbeliard to his clockmaker uncle, and returned to his home town of Beaucourt, setting up as a clockmaker, and an organiser of local clockmakers into a company - the company expanded and were medal winners at many of the International Exhibitions throughout the 19th century under the aegis of his sons, eventually closing after the First World War.