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Auction Decorative Art

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MONUMENTAL WHITE MARBLE BUST NAPOLEON I. BONAPARTE AS MARS PACIFICUS.

Italy.

Date: Presumably 19th century.

Maker/Designer: After Antinno Canova (1757-1822).

Technique: White marble.

Measurement: Height 93cm, width 46cm.

The model for the colossal bust of Napoleon I as Mars Pacificus, was created by Antonio Canova in 1803-1806 in the form of a larger-than-life sculpture that is now displayed in Apsley House in London.

Even though Napoleon I rejected the colossal figure due to its nudity, the bust that was created from it was very well received.

It became one of the official portraits of the emperor and thus experienced a wide distribution within Europe.

In order to meet the high demand for the bust, it was not only produced in Canova's workshop, but also at an academy and workshop founded in Carrara by Napoleon's sister Elisa Bonaparte Baciocchi.

The impressive bust follows the tradition of the colossal portraits of Roman emperors and is thus also a testimony and expression of the self-image of Emperor Napoleon I.

Estimate: 32.000 € - 42.000 €; Hammer: 33.000 €
