

Exceptional carved marble basin



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Material : Marbre

Dimensions :

Height : 0.35m

Width : 0.50m

Length : 0.90m

Description :

Large ovoid basin in light marble, finely carved in high relief around its entire circumference, most likely from Italy.

Each side is decorated with a lively frieze of goat-footed cherubs engaged in a joyful dance around Bacchic attributes: tambourines, jars, and garlands of foliage.

The reliefs, which are particularly detailed, feature a supple and lively modeling typical of 18th-century Italian workshops.

The side handles consist of groups of seated cherubs, forming slightly protruding mascarons:

- Two cherubs playing instruments and holding sheet music on one side.
- Two cherubs reading attentively from an open book on the other.

The treatment of hair, plump flesh, and drapery suggests a skilled hand, well-versed in the mythological and decorative themes of the classical tradition.

Condition: normal wear and tear, small chips and scattered erosion consistent with age.

A beautiful decorative piece, representative of 18th-century Italian taste.