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Large Plaster Cast of a Roman Foot, After an 18th-Century Original

£275

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Height: 14 cm (5.5")

Width: 15 cm (5.9")

Depth: 33 cm (13")

Description

A striking large plaster cast of a Roman foot, taken from an 18th-century original. With its monumental scale and classically modelled form, this compelling fragment recalls the study collections, artists' academies, and Grand Tour interiors in which casts after antiquity were admired both as works of art and as essential tools for understanding the human figure.

The foot is rendered with remarkable clarity, from the softly articulated toes and arch to the subtle transitions of the ankle. Its fragmentary form gives it the visual authority of an excavated classical relic, while the pale plaster surface emphasises the sculptural quality of the modelling. Seen as an isolated detail, it possesses an unexpectedly modern strength and would make a powerful decorative statement.

Plaster casts played an important role in the transmission of classical art from the 18th century onwards. They allowed artists, collectors, and students to study renowned Greek and Roman sculptures closely, even when the original works were inaccessible. A cast such as this therefore carries with it not only the enduring visual language of Roman sculpture, but also the rich history of the European classical revival.

Displayed on a plinth, console, library table, or within a cabinet of curiosities, this substantial cast would bring a sense of scholarship, drama, and architectural presence to an interior. It is particularly well suited to a collection of Grand Tour objects, classical fragments, artists' models, or decorative plasterwork.

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