

A PAIR OF PATINATED BRONZE MODELS OF THE TOWNLEY VASE

Dimensions: H: 12.5 in / 32 cm | W: 5 in / 12 cm | D: 4 in / 10 cm

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A Pair of Patinated Bronze Models of the Townley Vase
Cast after the Antique

Of elegant krater form, executed in patinated bronze, each vase with scrolling, pierced volute handles surmounted by palmette-cast necks. The ovoid bodies are cast in high relief with an animated Bacchic frieze, the whole raised on architectural black plinths with bronze Corinthian columns.
French, circa 1870

This exceptional pair is cast after the celebrated Townley Vase, now preserved in the British Museum. The frieze depicts a procession of Bacchic revellers, including Bacchus and Ariadne, accompanied by a range of symbolic attributes associated with the Eleusinian Mysteries.