

# RALPH GIERHARDS

ANTIQUES / FINE ART



## **Standing Monkey**

Circa: Circa 1850

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31 x 21.5 cm

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Circa 1850

Patinated Bronze

31 x 21.5 x 13 cm (12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> x 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inches)

Signed: Fratin PARIS

Christophe Fratin (Metz 1801 - Le Raincy 1864)

A standing monkey with a feathered hat, holding two baskets by its side, on a naturalistic cast base with another small basket on the back. The figure serves as a matchstick holder.

Fratin learned the craft under Pioche, but was reluctant to adopt his master's romantic style. He went to Paris, where he found a new master in the painter and sculptor Gericault. He exhibited his works at the Paris Salon (1831-42 and 1850-61) and at the Great Exhibition in London in 1851. Several of his bronze sculptures are on display at the Louvre in Paris, the Wallace Collection in London, and the Peabody Institute in Baltimore, Maryland.