

# RALPH GIERHARDS

ANTIQUES / FINE ART



## **Rare Oil Lamp of Green Serpentine in Ancient, Egyptianizing Style**

Circa: Circa 1820 - 1830

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27 x 14 cm

10.6299212598425 x 10.6299212598425"

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27 x 14 x 12 cm (10<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> x 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inches)

Rome, Italy

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Giuseppe Valadier was an Italian architect, urban planner, archaeologist, and goldsmith.

This long oval oil lamp vessel on a tapered base is formed from a stalk of bundled palm leaves in the style of a leaf capital with four modeled lion claws. The lamp handle is in the shape of a dragon's head. A bull's head is centrally located at the spout, and the vessel features a round inner bowl, with a slightly domed lid above it. The rectangular base is made of shell marble on a white Carrara marble pedestal.