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ANTIQUES / FINE ART



Exceptional wax relief

Circa: Frankfurt, c. 1790

Exceptional wax relief, painting,

35 x 27.5 cm

1' 1³/₁₆" x 0' 10⁷/₁₆"

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Christian Benjamin Rauschner (1725–1793)

Signed lower left

Coloured wax relief on a glass panel painted on the reverse. A very finely crafted depiction based on an ancient model against a sky background. In a contemporary display frame with brass mounts.

Christian Benjamin Rauschner was baptised in Naumburg an der Saale. After completing his

apprenticeship as a stuccoer, he travelled throughout northern and southern Europe. Rauschner was a sculptor and medallist, but was primarily active as a wax embosser. His numerous reliefs featuring motifs from ancient mythology or the Bible were well received by the public of the time

Literature:

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