



**19TH CENTURY FRENCH ART
NOUVEAU BRONZE "CENDRILLON"
BUST BY EMMANUEL VILLANIS**

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Grace a tabletop, console, or library niche with this expressive French bronze bust by renowned sculptor Emmanuel Villanis (1858–1914). Titled Cendrillon, French for Cinderella, the finely cast figure embodies the lyrical, feminine sensibility that made Villanis one of the most admired artists of the Belle Époque. Rendered in richly patinated bronze, the surface shows warm chestnut and deep walnut undertones that enhance the soft modeling of the face and the dynamic folds of the shawl. The young heroine is portrayed with an introspective gaze, her hair wrapped in a rustic scarf, alluding to Cinderella's humble origins. Villanis' characteristic treatment of texture, delicate in the facial features, more vigorous around the drapery, creates an elegant contrast that highlights his mastery of form. The bust rests on an integrated plinth with the cast title "Cendrillon", and bears the sculptor's signature along the shoulder. Emmanuel Villanis, listed in the Benezit Dictionary of Artists, was one of the foremost French sculptors of his era and widely exhibited at the Paris Salons; his expressive female busts were distributed internationally by the Société de Bronze de Paris and remain highly collectible today for their refined modeling, emotional presence, and superb casting quality. This antique bronze is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, with a beautifully preserved patina that adds depth and authenticity. An evocative decorative piece, it would enhance a mantel, a library bookcase, or an elegant dressing room with its romantic, storybook presence. Weight: 22 pounds Measures: 15.75" H x 9.5" W x 6" D.