

19TH CENTURY FRENCH PATINATED BRONZE SCULPTURE "L'INCROYABLE" SIGNED LORMIER

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Crafted in France circa 1895, this impressive antique bronze sculpture, titled "L'Incroyable," is signed by French sculptor Édouard Lormier (1847–1919). The finely detailed figure depicts a fashionable gentleman of the French Directoire period, dressed in the flamboyant attire associated with the Incroyables, the extravagant young men who emerged in Paris following the French Revolution.

Standing in a confident pose, the gentleman wears an oversized bicorne hat, a tailored frock coat with broad lapels, an elaborate cravat, fitted breeches, and tall boots. One hand is raised in an expressive gesture while the other rests on his hip, capturing the theatrical elegance and self-assurance characteristic of these fashionable figures. The meticulous modeling of the facial features, elaborate costume, and flowing fabric demonstrates Lormier's accomplished craftsmanship.

The bronze stands on a circular molded plinth mounted on a substantial black and grey veined marble base. The sculpture is signed "E. Lormier" on the bronze base for further authentication.

Édouard Lormier (1847–1919) was a French sculptor born in Saint-Omer, Pas-de-Calais. A pupil of François Jouffroy, he made his debut at the Paris Salon in 1886 and became known for his finely modeled figurative sculptures.

The antique bronze is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, with a rich brown patinated finish. An outstanding addition to a gentleman's study, library, or antique bronze collection.

Weight: 46 pounds.

Dimensions: 10"W x 9.5"D x 27"H.

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