

EARLY 20TH CENTURY FRENCH LOUIS XV HAND PAINTED ROUEN FAIENCE MANTEL CLOCK

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This charming antique faience mantel clock was crafted in Rouen, France, circa 1920, in the Louis XV style. Beautifully shaped and richly decorated, the colorful ceramic timepiece features an elaborate Rococo silhouette embellished with scrolling contours, floral motifs, and a prominent shell crest, reflecting the traditional craftsmanship of French Rouen pottery.

The finely modeled clock case stands on four decorative scroll feet and features an openwork design with graceful curves and raised ornamental details. The upper section is crowned with a sculpted shell flanked by scrolling foliage, while the front is adorned with intricate hand-painted floral arrangements and delicate arabesques. The vibrant palette of cobalt blue, golden yellow, green, and soft red contrasts beautifully against the glossy white faience background.

The circular clock face is set within an ornate brass bezel surrounded by hand-painted scrolling motifs. The dial features Arabic numerals and decorative hands, complementing the elaborate ceramic case. The reverse is embellished with additional colorful floral sprays, demonstrating the attention to detail throughout the piece.

Rouen has been an important center of French faience production since the 17th century, celebrated for its elaborate polychrome decoration, intricate arabesques, and distinctive blue-and-yellow palette. This antique clock reflects the continued popularity of traditional Rouen ceramic designs during the early 20th century.

The clock is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, retaining its rich colors and glossy glazed finish. The original-style mechanical movement has been inspected by a clock specialist and is in good working order. The clock runs for approximately two days before requiring winding.

Perfect for a mantel, console, desk, or bedside table, this decorative timepiece combines traditional French craftsmanship with practical functionality.

Dimensions: 5.5"W x 3.75"D x 9.75"H

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