

PAIR OF MID-CENTURY FRENCH PATINATED BRONZE BUSTS ON MARBLE BASES SIGNED MOREAU

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Decorate an office shelf with this elegant pair of antique busts. Crafted in France circa 1950, both subject stand on a circular marble base and depict a Royalty couple in traditional accoutrements. Each bronze figure has wonderful facial expressions and details, including hair style, hat and clothing. Both artworks are signed on the back Moreau. The Louis XV style busts are in excellent condition, and adorn the original patinated bronze finish over a rich variegated marble in the red and brown palette. Auguste Moreau (1834–1917) was a French sculptor born in Dijon. The third and youngest son of sculptor and painter Jean-Baptiste Moreau, Auguste began creating sculptural works alongside his older brothers Hippolyte and Mathurin. In 1861, Auguste Moreau made his debut at the Salon, where he exhibited regularly and abundantly until 1913. Moreau cast much of his sculptural work in bronze, often choosing pastoral or allegorical scenes as his subject matter. The fine works exhibit a naturalistic, elegant style, showing similarity to pieces cast by other members of the Moreau dynasty. Today, Auguste Moreau's sculpture is as highly prized as ever, and can be found in many important public institutions, galleries and collections around the world. Measures: 6.5" W x 5" D x 11.75" H.

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