Cherub Statue

ca 1840 cast iron French

Forged at the Val D'Osne foundry in Paris, France. The base of statue bears the foundry's mark as well as the street name and number: "58B Voltaire, Paris". This piece depicts two playful cherubs that would typically be found in a reflecting pool. Details of the open-eyed cherub on the left include a bellied sash around its torso and a jester-faced scepter raised in its right hand. The close-eyed cherub on the right features feathered wings and a quiver slung on its back.

J.P.V Andre originally established the foundry of Val d'Osne in 1835 in the town of the same name. It quickly became highly regarded for its quality and prolific and diverse nature of its castings in the second half of the 19th century. The foundry frequently contributed to international exhibitions during this time, including the London International Exhibition of 1851, where it received critical acclaim for a large fountain.

4'-9"h \times 3'-5"w \times 22 1/2" dia. base

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