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Chanel 1997 Byzantine Crystal & Pearl Runway Brooch

£795

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Height: 8 cm (3.1")

Width: 8 cm (3.1")

Depth: 2 cm (0.8")

Description

A rare and highly decorative Chanel runway brooch from the celebrated 1997 Byzantine Collection, combining tumbled rock crystal with luminous faux pearls in a richly textured, jewel-like composition.

Inspired by the opulence of Byzantine art and imperial regalia, the design has a bold, sculptural presence. The irregularly shaped rock-crystal elements bring a pleasing organic quality to the piece, their translucent surfaces catching and refracting the light, while the pearls introduce a soft, classic contrast. Together, they create the dramatic interplay of texture, colour, and scale that defines Chanel's most collectible costume jewellery.

Presented on the runway as part of Chanel's 1997 collection, this brooch reflects the house's enduring ability to reinterpret historical references through a distinctly modern lens. The Byzantine influence is expressed not as a literal reproduction, but through a sense of abundance, ornament, and confident glamour-qualities closely associated with the Chanel aesthetic.

An exceptional statement piece, it can be worn at the shoulder, on a lapel, or fastened to a jacket, dress, scarf, or evening bag. Equally compelling when displayed, it would make an important addition to a collection of Chanel runway jewellery, 1990s fashion, or designer costume jewellery.

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