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A stunning and large scale French 19th century patinated bronze and ormolu statue of a pheasant, signed Jules Moigniez. The statue is raised by a fine oval shaped ormolu base with an elegant mottled design. Above is the striking richly detailed regal pheasant proudly standing with one leg on a rock and the other on a fallen tree trunk. The pheasant is looking downwards at a finely detailed and most charming otter with a wonderfully executed expression amidst water flora. Exquisite detail and retaining its original warm and rich patina throughout.

Jules Moigniez was a renowned French sculptor. Born in 1835 in Senlis and died in Saint-Martin-du-Terte (Seine-et-Oise) in 1894. He was the student of Cornolera and started to exhibit his work in 1855. There is a famous sculpture of his called 'Chien D'arret avec faison' 'Dog with Pheasant' in Chateau de Compiègne.







