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A striking Italian 19th century patinated bronze, Rosso Levanto and black Belgian marble statue of Augustus of Prima Porta. The statue of Augustus, also known as Julius Caesar, is raised by a circular mottled black Belgian marble base with a beautiful Rosso Levanto marble central support. Above is emperor Augustus standing proudly with his right arm raised while draped in a wonderfully executed flowing fabric. His impressive and finely detailed armor depicts the God of the Sky and the Goddess of the earth at the center.

At his ankle is baby Cupid pulling at his hem. Cupid was the son of the goddess Venus and Augustus traced his ancestry back to Aeneas, who was the founder of Rome and also the son of Venus. Cupid is said to be present to remind us that Augustus is a descendant of a goddess.

The Original Augustus of Prima Porta (Italian: Augusto di Prima Porta) is a 2.03 m high marble statue of Augustus Caesar, the first emperor of the Roman Empire, was discovered on April 20, 1863 in the Villa of Livia at Prima Porta, near Rome now and is now displayed in the Braccio Nuovo of the Vatican Museums.





