

The Creator of the Wallace Fountains Lived in Nantes



Place de la Bourse

4 Place de la Bourse
44000 Nantes

Parc de la Gaudinière
Boulevard Robert Schuman
44300 Nantes

Cours Cambronne
44000 Nantes

Jardin des Plantes – Two Fountains
Boulevard de Stalingrad
44000 Nantes
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Parc de la Gaudinière

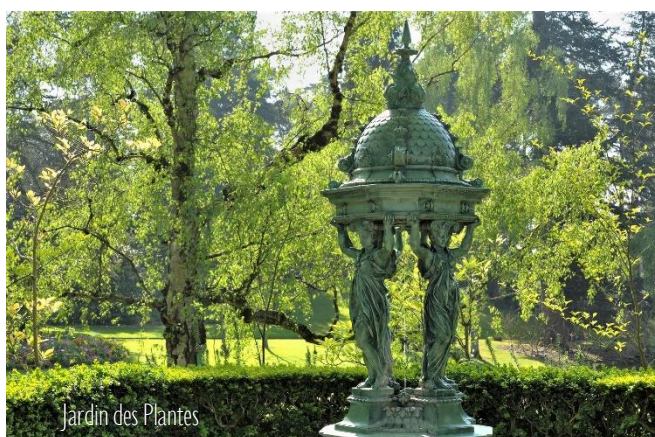
Richard Wallace was an art expert and collector who helped assemble one of the greatest private art collections in the world, found today at the Wallace Collection in London. Following the siege of Paris in 1870-71 and seeing the need for access to clean drinking water, especially for the poor, Wallace decided to donate 50 public drinking fountains to the city. Wallace wanted the drinking fountains to be works of art. He made sketches of the fountains he envisioned and asked the noted sculptor and his friend from Nantes, **Charles-Auguste Lebourg**, to create the sculptures that would serve as models for the cast iron fountains. The first appeared in Paris in 1872.

The City of Nantes supposedly placed orders for a dozen fountains. Today there is believed to be five Wallace Fountains located in Nantes. The Jardin des Plantes is thought to have two fountains in the park, one near the entrance at Boulevard Stalingrad and the other in the northeast part of the park. But these fountains are not recently confirmed.

If anyone has additional information about the history or origin of these fountains, please share it by contacting us at admin@wallacefountains.org.



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Jardin des Plantes

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