



## Empire Table Centerpiece



43 000 EUR

Signature : Pierre Philippe Thomire

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Height : 70,5

### Description

Magnificent and very large Empire centerpiece in gilded bronze attributed to the bronzier Pierre-Philippe Thomire.

Paris around 1810

Height 70.5 centimeters !

Intended to hold flowers or fruit, this wonderful centerpiece was part of a "surtout de table", an elaborate dining service, which was presented on a long mirrored tray in the center of a large dining table.

This type of service was developed in France during the reign of Napoleon I and, in the wake of his various conquests.

Pierre-Philippe Thomire (1751 - 1843), who was elected engraver to the Emperor in 1809 in

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recognition of his services to Napoleon, created some of the most beautiful and sumptuous especially for the Emperor and members of his court imperial.

Considered the greatest foundry-carver of his time, he first trained as a sculptor alongside Houdon and Pajou at the Académie de Saint-Luc. He then followed his father's trade as a bronze worker and became a master in 1772.

Two years later, he became an apprentice to the famous engraver Pierre Gouthière (1732 - 1813), after whom he acquired the art of fine engraving and the gilding of bronzes.

Our centerpiece is in good condition (in its original condition).

A very rare piece of gigantic size.