



Center Table In Patinated And Gilt Bronze With Egyptian Red Porphyry Top, France, Empire Period



65 000 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Diameter : 110

Height : 82

Description

Magnificent round center table in patinated and gilt bronze, featuring a rare Egyptian red porphyry top -- a prestigious and symbolic stone once reserved for the Roman emperors, evoking grandeur and power. The stunning base is supported by three finely sculpted gilt bronze swans, their outspread wings forming both decorative and structural elements. The swan, a symbol of elegance and imperial dignity, was a favored motif in Empire furniture, often linked to Empress Joséphine. The detailing of the plumage, the refined volumes, and the contrast between dark patina and mercury gilding showcase exceptional bronze craftsmanship. The central upright is adorned with gilt floral appliqués in classic Empire taste. The porphyry top is encircled by a gilt bronze border finely chased with

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palmettes and floral motifs, framing the stone disc with a continuous decorative band of great refinement. A rare and imposing work of decorative art, likely produced by a high-end French workshop in the early 19th century, originally intended for an aristocratic or imperial residence.