

Pair Of Regency Period Gilt Bronze Sconces Attributed To Charles Cressent



18 000 EUR

Period: 18th century

Condition: Très bon état

Material: Bronze

Length: 30

Height: 52

Depth: 16

Description

Pair

of gilt bronze sconces with two light arms.

Special

to the Regency period, the decoration depicting children is very

finely crafted.

These

two children look at each other, holding a candlestick in each hand.

One is dressed in a tunic with a strong drapery,

representative of

ancient art; the other, bare-chested, is simply

draped at the waist.

Their lower bodies are transformed by a splendid,

finely chiseled

bouquet of foliage and flowers.

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In

their hands, majestically rise candlesticks, coiling at their waists and winding toward the sky, decorated with scrolling acanthus leaves that stand out for their elegant movement and fine chiseling.

The

lowest candlesticks are decorated with a large open flower, striated underneath. They are topped with small sockets decorated with acanthus leaves chiseled at the base. The longer arms end with a finely crafted bobeche decorated with a graceful spiral flower that underlines the visual harmony and movement of this light fixture. They are topped with longer sockets half with

stylized foliage

motifs.

This

pair of sconces is very interesting for its finely crafted antique children decoration, a model attributed to Charles

Cressent, one of

the greatest cabinetmaker-bronzier ornamentalists, but also for the

harmony of the asymmetrical, flowing arms, and especially for their

52 cm height, which gives them a larger dimension than many Regency period sconces.

Regency

period work attributed to Charles Cressent, in its beautiful original gilding

Charles

Cressent (1685-1768) was appointed master sculptor in 1714 and a

sculptor-ornamentist specializing in artistic bronze in 1719. He then

became cabinetmaker to the Regent, the Duke of Orléans, and thereby became one of the most renowned cabinetmakers of his time, crafting furniture with rocaille bronze ornamentation highly prized by the upper class.

Restoration of use and maintenance

Dimensions:

H 52 cm x W 30 cm x D 16 cm