



## Pair Of Important Gilt-bronze And Crystal Sconces, France, Circa 1805

32 000 EUR



Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Length : 65

Height : 80

### Description

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80 x 65 x 43 cm.

This important pair of sconces is a magnificent example of Empire-era decorative lighting, dating to circa 1805. They feature a wall-mounted structure with five candle-holder arms, arranged symmetrically in a broad horizontal curve. They are crafted from gilt-bronze and mercury-engraved, paired with rows of cut crystal pendants and drops, capable of capturing and refracting the light.

The decorative elements are reminiscent of the French Empire style: the eagle at the top is a prime example, a symbol of imperial authority.

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Beneath the eagle is a wreath of laurel leaves, a classic symbol of victory, wisdom, and glory.

Works such as these were used to decorate and illuminate state rooms, galleries, or dining rooms in palaces and luxurious residences, reflecting the taste for opulence typical of the Empire period.

Due to the quality of their execution and the use of noble materials, such as crystal and gilded bronze, the sconces can be traced back to a luxurious Parisian bronzesmith's workshop, of which Napoleon Bonaparte was a great patron.