



Pair Of Silver Torches, Lille, 18th Century



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Signature : Joseph Baudoux Orfèvre Lillois

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Height : 30cm

Description

A pair of sumptuous Louis XVI period solid silver candlesticks with their original bobeche. They bear the hallmarks of the Lille silver court for the year 1782-83. Each candlestick is hallmarked several times inside the socket and the foot. The nine-sided base is decorated with a row of leaves on a matte background, echoed on the contoured socket. The bowl is bordered with rows of fillets, also found on the collar. The cyma recta repeats the faceted motif of the base. The baluster-shaped stem, with ribs and facets, rises from a ribboned laurel wreath. The upper section is adorned with a cascading garland of leaves. The bobeche bears the small maker's mark. Like many of the works of the goldsmith Baudoux, they are of extraordinary quality and quite heavy. This goldsmith, with an exceptionally long

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career, is known for his prestigious production.

Master goldsmith: François-Joseph BAUDOUX,

admitted in 1738. Weight: 1035 g. Height: 30 cm.

Base diameter: 14.2 cm. Small crack on one shaft

(see additional photo). Literature: Reproduced

and described in the work of Madame Nicole

Cartier, *Les orfèvres de Lille*, Volume II, page

684, under number 349.