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Pair Of Silvered Bronze Torches, "shell" Model, Mounted As Lamps.



750 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Description

An elegant pair of silvered bronze candlesticks, made in the so-called "shell" style, a decorative motif from the Regency period produced throughout much of the 18th century, making precise dating difficult. Each candlestick rests on a circular base with scalloped and gadrooned edges, forming a stepped pedestal. The baluster stem, punctuated by molded rings and faceted panels, is adorned with a central stylized shell motif, a characteristic element of this style, which still combines a certain architectural rigor with a desire for decorative movement. This type of candlestick is well documented in public and private collections. A silver example in the Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York), dated around 1780, has a comparable structure (scalloped base, baluster stem with canted facets,

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and shell decoration), illustrating the longevity and widespread use of this style throughout the 18th century, in both silver and silvered bronze. The well-preserved antique silver plating displays a uniform and elegant patina, with slight wear consistent with age, but without any significant alteration. The candlesticks have been converted into lamps by the addition of a new, discreet, and fully removable electrical system, allowing them to be returned to their candlestick form without any irreversible change. They are complemented by custom-made lampshades in fabric with a floral motif, chosen to harmonize with the silvered bronze patina and the overall 18th-century style. Dimensions: Total height (with lampshade): 44 cm Height of candlestick alone: 26 cm Base diameter: 15 cm Lampshade diameter: 30 cm