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Louis XVI Mirror



1 200 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : En l'etat

Material : Gilted wood

Width : 45

Height : 96

Description

A Louis XVI period mirror, crafted from finely carved wood and gilded with its original gold leaf, retaining its antique mercury glass. The frame, with its understated and elegant decoration, is surmounted by a pediment featuring various attributes, including a musical theme, all topped with a knot, an emblematic motif of the Louis XVI style. At the end of the 18th century, mirrors held an essential place in aristocratic and bourgeois interiors: they were not limited to their utilitarian function but played a vital role in enhancing spaces by capturing and diffusing natural light and candlelight, visually enlarging rooms and highlighting the refinement of the décor. The glass was created using the mercury glass process, a traditional technique employed until the early 19th century. This

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process involved depositing a thin sheet of tin amalgamated with mercury behind the glass, giving the mirror an incomparable depth, vibrancy, and luminosity, impossible to reproduce with modern techniques. The alterations to the silvering, visible today, are characteristic of this manufacture and testify to its authenticity and antiquity.