



## A Murano Gilt-metal Mounted 'sapphire' Glass



18 500 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Glass

Width : 37 cm

Height : 31 cm

### Description

A Murano Gilt-Metal Mounted 'Sapphire' Glass Mirror  
Mercury-plate mirror, glass asticciole torciglione, riporti colorati 'zaffiro', gilt bronze and copper  
Murano Early 18th Century 31 x 37 cm (12.2 x 14.6 in.)  
The frame of the mirror, with canes -- or asticciole -- of twisted glass, along with gilt-metal shells and fusaroles, is made out of colored glass parclose which 'recall sapphire, topaz, ruby, and emerald, represented by appliqués of colored and fused glass' (Morazzoni, 1951, p. 39). This type of frame, which first appeared at the end of the 16th century and was produced until the mid-18th century by Murano glassmakers (Morazzoni, 1951, p. 40), was intended for the 'wealthiest and most lavish clientele' (Morazzoni, 1951, p. 40 sq.). A mirror of the same type from the collections of the

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Museo Vetrario in Murano, published by Morazzoni, is likely the 'Specchio in cornice dorata e riporti di vetro colorato' listed as No. 939 in the museum's catalogue, under the section dedicated to Vetri muranesi del secolo XVIII, or 18th-century Murano glass (Gheltof, 1888, p. 73). Consequently, the present mirror should be dated to the early years of the 18th century; while its torsated glass asticciole, gilt-bronze and copper fusaroles and quasi rocaille shells, and 'sapphire' or cobalt glass riporti are unquestionably Muranese.