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Imperial Empire Armchair For Fontainebleau (iron Mark & Inventory), Attributed To Jacob Desmalter



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Signature : Jacob Desmalter, attribué

Period : 19th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Painted wood

Description

Armchair with squaresquare back, baluster armrests, Jacob's legs at the front and saber-shaped legs. Grey lacquered wood with black highlights to simulatepatinated bronze. Empire period - early 19th century, circa1810 - inspired by the Directoire style and attributed to Jacob Desmalter (notstamped).Our seat is interesting for its Imperial and Royal provenanceas it bears the iron marks of a prestigious palace: Fontainebleau (FON, inventory numbers crossed out, with the fire mark of theof the Garde Meuble Royal (Royal Furniture Guard) under Louis XVIII.recovered from the Empire).NB: We are offering separately two almost identical seats from two differenttwo different origins (Les Tuileries and Fontainebleau) that we haverestored identically to

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illustrate an interesting vision of the great official commissions placed by the imperial furniture store. This venerable institution was commissioned by the Emperor to hastily re-furnish in the latest such as the Tuileries, Fontainebleau and Compiègne, ordering 20, 30 or 50 identical armchairs from Jacob and Marcion. These two workshops, official suppliers to the imperial often subcontracted, copying each other's designs, of one or the other, in order to supply the requested quantities as quickly as possible. This is the case with our seats, which are identical but with slight differences but with slight differences (height and backrest mounting, for example). There are many possible explanations for this: is Jacob subcontracting to Marcion? Orders placed a few months or years apart? In any case, they were not intended to be placed side by side. The distance of 50km between the two palaces made them identical, and this interesting confrontation shows the reality of their similarities. We had this seat completely restored: dismantled, reassembled, relacquered, reupholstered and reupholstered in new horsehair on webbing, with knife-blade and covered with Tassinari and Chatel line silk. Fontainebleau armchair: Width: 61cm Backrest height: 91.5cm Seat height 40,5cm