



Claude Galle, Large Pair Of Empire Period



7 800 EUR

Signature : Claude Galle (1759-1815)

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Diameter : base : 13 cm

Height : 29.5 cm

Description

Claude Galle, large pair of Empire period "Aux Hiboux" torches. Very fine pair of Empire-period chased and gilded bronze torches known as "aux hiboux", attributed to Claude Galle (1759-1815). From the circular base, embellished with a generous frieze of palmettes, emerges the plain sheathed stem, resting on three claw feet. The top, set with a ring trimmed with applique stars, is topped with three owls with outstretched wings, topped with a cup and wick. This beautiful model of owl torch, according to the literature, was particularly appreciated by Emperor Napoleon, who took them with him on his campaigns. A similar pair of torches is preserved at the Château de Fontainebleau, where they were inventoried in 1807 in the 2nd salon of the Empress. salon de l'impératrice (Inventory no. F

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1151 C) They are also found in the Emperor's private cabinet: "two pairs of bronzed and gilded torches with owls and stars" .and stars" (Fontainebleau, Museum Archives). They remain in place when the room becomes the Emperor's bedroom.the Emperor's bedroom.A pair of "flambeaux à hiboux" (owl torches), were inventoried by the bronzier Claude Galle in August 1799.According to the inventories, owls are also referred to as "eagles".Two identical pairs of torches sold at Christie's London on May 23, 2018, lot

273.<https://www.christies.com/en/lot/lot-6142393>

An identical pair sold at Koller Zurich on September 19, 2013, lot

1264https://www.kollerauktionen.ch/en/311769-0008-----1166-1-paar-kerzenstoecke-_aux-hib-1166_71208.html?RecPos=137Similar models:-J.-P.

Samoyault, Pendules et bronze d'ameublement entrés sous le Premier Empire, Paris, 1989, n° 155-156, p. 175-176.Very fine condition, with magnificent original mercury gilding.Epoque Empire-Consulate, circa

1800.Dimensions:Height: 29.5 cmBase diameter:

13 cmWe'll take care of delivery in France and abroad. Shipping terms depend on your location.

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