



Pair Of Louis XVI Style Chiseled Bronze And Wrought Iron Andirons With Urn Finials. France.

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Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 16 cm

Height : 38.5 cm

Depth : 50 cm

Description

This pair of andirons belongs to the distinguished tradition of French bronze fireplace furnishings in the Louis XVI manner, a style that remained enormously prestigious throughout the nineteenth century and that called upon the finest chasing and gilding workshops of Paris and the provinces. Each piece is composed of a tall, swelling baluster upright in chiseled bronze, its surface articulated with horizontal mouldings, beaded rings, and finely worked decorative bands that catch the light and demonstrate the hand of a skilled ciseleur. The crowning element is a small urn or torchere finial, a form directly inspired by the antique vocabulary beloved of the neoclassical designers who served the court of Louis XVI in the 1770s and 1780s. The base of each andiron is no less accomplished. An

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elaborate four-footed plinth carries foliate or scroll ornament in the neoclassical taste, providing a stable and visually satisfying foundation for the tall upright. The movement from the broad, decorated base through the swelling baluster to the delicate urn above traces a classical compositional logic -- base, shaft, capital -- that recalls the orders of architecture translated into domestic metalwork. The wrought iron log bars, extending to the rear, are of robust construction appropriate to their functional purpose without distracting from the decorative character of the bronze fronts. The warm golden tone of the chiseled bronze has acquired a rich, mellowed patination consistent with age and distinguished use in a well-appointed interior. This natural development of colour and surface depth is greatly prized by collectors of period bronzes, as it cannot be replicated artificially and speaks authentically to the piece's history and provenance. The quality of the chiseling, with its sharp, clean definition and confident handling of ornamental motifs, is consistent with the better workshops active in France during the nineteenth century. In very good condition consistent with age, with natural patina throughout. A handsome and genuinely decorative pair, well suited to a period fireplace or to any interior where classical French ornament is valued. Offered as a pair with their original wrought iron log bars. [Click Here](#) to see this piece directly on Our Website