



Table With Mother-of-pearl And Bronze By Gabriel Viardot - France - 19th Century



3 000 EUR

Signature : Gabriel Viardot

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Solid wood

Width : 80 cm

Height : 85 cm

Depth : 55 cm

Description

An exceptional coffee table attributed to Gabriel Viardot, an iconic figure in late 19th-century French furniture in the Japanese style. Crafted from finely carved mahogany, it attests to the remarkable craftsmanship of the cabinetmaker, whose creations are freely inspired by Chinese and Japanese art while being adapted to European tastes. The tabletop features a refined design, engraved and inlaid with mother-of-pearl, depicting flowering branches, an insect, and stylized plant motifs. The entire piece is framed by an elegant molded gallery and adorned with a spectacular gilded bronze handle depicting a dragon, an emblematic motif in Viardot's work. The openwork band with an Oriental-inspired geometric design lightens the table's silhouette, while the legs are adorned with

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powerful gilded bronze shishi (guardian lion) mascarons. The curved legs end in delicate bronze feet, lending the piece remarkable elegance and a perfect balance between decorative richness and finesse of craftsmanship. With the quality of its chiseled bronze, the richness of its mother-of-pearl inlays, and the subtlety of its carvings, this table perfectly exemplifies the style that earned Gabriel Viardot international renown at the World's Fairs of the late 19th century. A rare and particularly decorative piece, sought after by collectors of Japanese-inspired furniture and connoisseurs of French decorative arts.