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Pair Of Figurines Depicting Papageno And Monostatos From W. A. Mozart's *the Magic Flute*

6 800 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze



Description

An elegant and rare pair of gilded and burnished bronze statuettes, made in France during the Directory period, depicting Papageno and Monostatos, famous characters from the opera *Die Zauberflöte* (The Magic Flute) by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, which premiered in Vienna in 1791. The opera, which immediately became one of the masterpieces of European musical theater, exerted a profound influence on the decorative arts of the late 18th century, inspiring refined bronzes and furnishings intended for the most prestigious residences. The two figures are modeled with extraordinary sculptural quality and embellished with the finest chiseling that highlights every detail: the rich plumage of Papageno's costume, the gold collar and accessories, the resonating tube in

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Monostatos's hands, and the naturalistic rendering of the figures' anatomy all attest to the skill of the French bronze casters of the time. The skillful contrast between the burnished patina of the bronze and the mercury gilding lends depth and luminosity to the composition, enhancing its refined neoclassical style. The statuettes rest on elegant bases inlaid with birch burl, finished with gilded bronze frames and feet, which complete their formal balance and decorative refinement. A work of exceptional craftsmanship and considerable historical and artistic interest, this pair represents a rare testament to the convergence of music, theater, and the decorative arts in Directory-era France, intended for collectors and enthusiasts of period bronzes and Mozartian iconography. Period: Late 18th century; Provenance: France; Dimensions: Height 25 cm; Condition: Excellent condition; Documentation: Certificate of authenticity. Support: We are at your disposal for further clarification, information, and images; Shipping: Available throughout Italy, Europe, and the rest of the world. Reasonable prices, maximum security, and full traceability. (To be arranged privately). We wish you a good day Antichità Goglia