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Pair Of Louis XVI-style Casserole Dishes, Green Marble And Gilded Bronze, 19th Century



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Marble

Diameter : 16 cm

Height : 44 cm

Description

Pair of green marble cassolettes with gilded bronze mounts. The stone has a dark green base color with light, wavy veins; because of this pattern, it is often called sea green. The slender, urn-shaped body rests on a wreath of leaves and extends into a turned baluster foot, set on a square marble base with a beaded border. The lids are removable. The bronze mounts are finely chiseled: on the shoulders are two masks of Bacchantes with hair intertwined with flowers--a motif that Classicism borrowed from ancient urns, where masks and garlands served as vase decorations. A sculpted floral garland stretches between the masks. The neck is adorned with an openwork circular frieze and a band of leaves, and the whole is crowned by a lid featuring a calyx of leaves and a pinecone. Use Cassolettes were

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originally used as perfume containers. Incense, scented tablets, or aromatic essences were placed inside; the openwork circular frieze on the neck allowed the scent to escape. They were arranged in pairs on mantelpieces, consoles, or chests of drawers--serving both as a source of fragrance and as decorative objects.

ConditionThe marble is intact, with no cracks or restorations. The cassolettes have been cleaned and are in their original condition.

Dimensions and CraftsmanshipHeight: 44 cmDiameter: 16 cmMaterial: green marble (sea green), gilded bronzeDecoration: masks of Bacchantes, floral garlands, openwork circular frieze, pearls, pine conesFeatures: removable lidsQuantity: pairEra: Louis XVDate of creation: 19th centuryCondition: original condition, cleaned; marble intact, no cracks, no restorations