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Pair Of "dolphin" Wall Sconces, Attributed To Gagneau, Gilded Bronze And Crystal, Circa 1900



7 000 EUR

Signature : Gagneau (attribué à)

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Width : 18,5 cm

Height : 41 cm

Depth : 16 cm

Description

Pair of three-light wall sconces in chiseled and gilded bronze. Its ornate frame, shaped like a mythological dolphin, from which coral-like branches extend, elegantly accommodates a frosted, press-molded glass shade. Shaped like a ribbed corolla reminiscent of a seashell or a lotus flower, this bowl gently diffuses the light.

Biography The Gagneau firm was founded in Paris in 1800 and became famous for its refinement of the Carcel oil lamp, which was presented at the National Industrial Products Exhibition in 1819 and patented that same year. Initially located at 25 Rue d'Enghien, it later moved to 115 Rue Lafayette. E. Gagneau specialized in all types of lighting fixtures--lamps, chandeliers, wall sconces, floor lamps--whose quality was recognized at every international

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exhibition: he won aFirst Prize at the Great Exhibition in London in 1851 as well as aFirst-Class Medal at the Paris Exposition in 1855. Celebrated among his peers,G. Gagneau served on the jury in the artistic bronzes category (Class 25)at the 1889 Paris World's Fair. In 1908, he supplied allthe lighting fixtures for the new French embassy in Vienna.