



Pair Of Gilt Bronze Sconces With Ram's Head Masks, Louis XVI Style Circa 1850-1870



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Signature : Dans le gout des grands Maîtres Bronziers du XVIIIeme tel que : Pierre Gouthière ou Pierre-Philippe Thomire

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 36

Height : 50

Depth : 18

Description

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Description:

This pair of gilt bronze wall sconces rises, on either side of a slender tapering shaft, into three scrolling candle arms enhanced with twisted reeding and stylized foliate friezes. The upper section of the shaft is flanked by a pair of confronted ram's head masks with finely chased curling horns, an emblematic motif of the neoclassical repertoire drawn from antiquity. A female mask animates the lower shaft, while small rosettes punctuate the scrolling of the candle arms.

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foliage, and the treatment of the mask recall the manner of the great Parisian bronze-workers of the late 18th century, such as Pierre Gouthière or Pierre-Philippe Thomire, whose workshops disseminated numerous models after designs by the ornamentalist Jean-Louis Prieur, a leading figure of the emerging Louis XVI style. Each sconce bears an engraved mark "...T.B.T.", a vestige of a stamp or workshop inventory number.

Wired for electricity, these sconces combine the elegance of the Louis XVI style with contemporary use, offering a refined source of light for a classical interior.

Technique:

Finely chased bronze, mercury-gilt. Slender shaft, three-light arms decorated with twisted reeding, stylized foliage, a mask, and rosettes. Engraved mark "...T.B.T." on each sconce.

Dimensions:

Height: 19 11/16 in (50 cm)

Width: 14 3/16 in (36 cm)

Depth from wall: 7 1/16 in (18 cm)

Overall height with candle sleeves: 22 1/16 in (56 cm)

Condition:

Good condition. Light wear to the gilding visible on the shafts, attesting to the age and authenticity of the original patina. Wired for electricity, ready for installation.