Antique Diamond Earrings, 585 Gold, Rose Cut, Victorian Era, 1870, Earrings



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Gold

Length : approx. 5 cm total length

Description

Important antique 'Polki' diamond earrings in the form of ornate girandoles from the 19th century (Victorian / Historicism). Made in the Indian Empire under the British Raj, c. 1860-1870. This museum-quality collector's item was painstakingly handcrafted from high-carat yellow gold and features delicate, openwork floral filigree ornamentation.This specific style of filigree Anglo-Indian jewellery emerged in the 19th century from the convergence of two worlds: Indian artisans crafted the pieces, whilst the design was adapted to suit the tastes of Victorian high society and the British aristocracy. Following the colonisation of India, the European upper classes were fascinated by the splendour of the Indian Mughal emperors. The botanical and floral theme evokes renewal, youth and hope,

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whilst also catering to the Victorian fascination with the exotic.The earrings are lavishly set with natural diamonds, which have been cut into flat diamond discs using the traditional Indian 'Polki' technique. The entire frame is constructed in the three-part articulated girandole style, ensuring that the cascading pendants create an elegant movement when worn.All the stones are set in the typical historical, closed setting. This traditional craftsmanship lends the diamonds a very special, soft and mystical radiance in the candlelight of the ballrooms of that era.The earrings were originally designed with a period clasp and have subsequently been expertly fitted with modern push-back fastenings (pins) and large ear nuts to guarantee optimum comfort and maximum security when worn. An extremely rare piece of Anglo-Indian jewellery history in excellent condition.Details & Dimensions* Period: Victorian / Historicism / British Raj (c. 1860-1870)* Origin: India (Anglo-Indian)* Metal: 14k Yellow gold / 585 gold tested* Setting: Genuine diamonds (Polki cut)* Cut: Traditional Polki cut (diamond discs) and rose cut* Dimensions: approx. 5.0 cm total length* Total weight: 14.0 gramsCondition: Excellent antiquecondition. The reverse side shows the sturdy, expert conversion to modern posts with large ear nuts. Please regard the high-resolution photographs as an essential part of the condition description.Please note: Due to camera settings, lighting conditions during photography and varying screen settings, the colour representation of the diamonds and the gold in the photographs may differ slightly from the actual item.