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French 19th Century Napoleon III Large Scale Giltwood Mirror With Openwork Crest



10 760 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Gilted wood

Description

Description: This monumental French giltwood mirror dates to the Napoleon III period (1852-1870). Its exceptional height and generous expanse of glass give it the presence of an architectural feature, drawing the eye upward and reflecting a broad view of the room. The straight sides and base give the frame a strong outline, while the double curve across the top lends movement to the composition.An elaborate openwork crest crowns the mirror. At its center, an oval cartouche encloses a trophy of musical instruments, flowers and ribbons. Sweeping foliate scrolls extend to either side, and a deeply modeled bow sits where the two curves of the upper frame meet. Sprays of flowers and raised roses punctuate the broad gilt molding, while a fine beaded border follows the edge of the glass.

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The combination of flowing scrollwork and richly modeled floral ornament gives the piece the decorative character of mid-19th-century France.The gilding has warm tonal variations, with darker recesses that bring out the floral relief. Fine cracks and small areas of wear are visible on the frame, and the glass shows light scattered spotting. The mirror's generous proportions make it a striking focal point for a high-ceilinged entrance hall, a formal living room or a spacious dressing room.Dimensions H 214 cm (84.25 in.) W 106 cm (41.73 in.) D 10 cm (3.94 in.)