Empire-style Mantel Mirror With Egyptomania Motifs - Early 19th Century



950 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Mahogany

Width : 55 cm

Height : 105 cm

Depth : 4,5 cm

Description

An elegant Empire-style mantel mirror dating from the early 19th century, featuring a wooden frame with a mahogany patina, accented with gilded moldings and ornamentation.The upper section is adorned with an egloisé glass panel on a black background, featuring an Egyptomania motif consisting of a head wearing a nemes, framed by two symmetrically arranged gilded torches. The arched pediment is adorned with a gilded female mascaron, while the side panels, with their simple, architectural lines, emphasize the elegance of the piece as a whole. The mirror rests on two lion-shaped legs with a dark patina and gilded highlights, characteristic of the Empire decorative style. This mirror reflects the fascination with ancient Egypt during the First Empire, particularly following Napoleon

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Bonaparte's Egyptian campaign. A similar model is reported to have been in Napoleon I's residence on the island of Elba.