Handheld Candlestick In Gilded Bronze, Charles X Period



690 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 14 cm

Diameter : 11,5 cm

Height : 6 cm

Description

Designed for a legitimist clientele and households close to the court, this "hand-shaped" candlestick consists of a circular base with a slightly raised rim, whose entirely engraved surface is organized into finely chiseled concentric bands. The piece is crafted in gilded bronze, slightly weathered by time. It is a functional object, yet designed as a small statement of loyalty to the monarchy.Circular base with a raised rim, entirely chiseled with concentric bands: an openwork frieze of fleurs-de-lis in foliage, ovals and heart-shaped rays, gadroons, beaded circles with rosettes, followed by a radiating decoration around the base.A tulip-shaped bowl with a guilloché decoration reminiscent of basket weaving, topped by an overhanging collar of lanceolate leaves. Dolphin-shaped handle: a scaly

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body curved into a ring, a head in the round resting on the rim, and a fan-shaped, ribbed tail serving as a thumb rest. Under the Ancien Régime, "dauphin" was first and foremost a title: that of the heir apparent to the French throne, held since 1349, and also the name of the Dauphiné region in the Viennois. The son of Charles X, the Duke of Angoulême, was the last Dauphin of France--the title disappeared with the July Monarchy in 1830. The animal symbol and the title quickly became intertwined in iconography: the fish, already imbued with Christian and funerary significance since antiquity, became under the Bourbons the emblematic image of the heir. It therefore logically appears on everything related to dynastic legitimacy, and even on everyday objects produced during the Restoration, when the royal emblem readily found its way into common crafts.Dimensions:Height: 6 cmTop diameter: 11.5 cmTotal width: 14 cm Condition: Very good condition