

## Malachite Stone Table Center



### 45 000 EUR

Period: 20th century

Condition : Parfait état

Width: 166cm
Diameter: 86cm

Height: 83cm

Depth: 86cm

## Description

We are honored to present an truly magnificent center table, a rare and spectacular embodiment of the decorative grandeur that defines the French Empire style. This commanding masterpiece, expertly crafted with the most precious materials and exceptional artisanal skill, is designed to impress and captivate, serving as the quintessential focal point of any palatial interior. A Symphony in Malachite and Gilt Bronze: The table's bold architectural structure is entirely veneered in natural malachite, a semi-precious stone revered since antiquity for its intense green color and mesmerizing concentric veining. This luxurious material creates an immediate and profound visual impact, speaking volumes of the piece's exclusivity and the discerning taste of its original commission. The

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vibrant green of the malachite provides a stunning canvas for the radiant gilt bronze elements, creating a captivating dialogue between natural splendor and refined metallurgy. Supported by Masterful Gilded Caryatids: The table stands majestically on four robust gilt bronze caryatids. These exquisitely sculpted female figures, drawn directly from the classical antiquity, are rendered with idealized forms, embodying strength, beauty, and grace. Their presence transforms the table into a piece of architectural sculpture, echoing the grandeur of ancient temples and lending an air of timeless majesty. Imperial Symbolism at its Heart: At the very center of the table's understructure, a finely cast and intricately chiseled gilt bronze Medici vase serves as a prominent motif. This classical urn is elegantly flanked by two winged griffons, powerful mythological creatures symbolizing vigilance, majesty, and divine protection. This central composition is a potent evocation of imperial iconography and classical mythology, both beloved and quintessential elements of Napoleonic decor. Exceptional Finishing Touches and Artistry: Every bronze element of this table has been meticulously hand-chiseled and lavishly gilded with 24-carat gold leaf, ensuring a luminous and enduring regal presence. The ornamental details are executed with unparalleled precision, featuring a rich array of classical motifs including scrolling acanthus leaves, perfectly formed rosettes, elegant palmettes, and delicate beading, all in perfect harmony with the sumptuous aesthetic of the Empire period. This commitment to detail underscores the exceptional skill of the master artisans involved in its creation. Historical Significance & Investment Value: This malachite and gilt bronze center table is more than a piece of furniture; it is a significant work of art and a rare testament to the highest echelons of 19th-century French luxury and design. Its exceptional materials, monumental scale, rich symbolism, and impeccable craftsmanship make it an invaluable acquisition

for any distinguished collection. As a quintessential example of Empire style decorative arts, this piece is poised to appreciate in value, offering both aesthetic pleasure and tangible cultural heritage.