



Pair Of 19th Century Sconces, Empire Style



3 000 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 10 cm

Height : 25 cm

Depth : 10 cm

Description

Royal Antique is delighted to present this refined pair of candlesticks, exemplifying the sophisticated aesthetic of the Directoire period.

These exquisite pieces are masterfully crafted from a harmonious blend of patinated bronze, providing a rich, dark contrast, and finely enhanced with luminous gilt bronze details.

Design and Material

Highlights: Contrasting Tones: The candlesticks showcase an elegant interplay between the golden brilliance of the gilding and the deep, somber tone of the patinated bronze. This contrast not only highlights the intricate details but also provides a robust yet refined visual presence.

Layered Base: The foundation of each candlestick features a robust yet graceful base composed of two concentric layers of patinated

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and gilded bronze circles, ensuring stability while maintaining an elegant profile. Neoclassical Stem with Figural Element: The stem of each candlestick is richly gilded and adorned with neoclassical features, leading upwards to a key focal point. Just below the candle cup, a finely sculpted bust statue of a woman emerges in patinated bronze. Her hairstyle is characteristic of the early 19th century, reflecting the prevailing fashion of the Directoire era. Rich Ornamentation: The top of the gilt bronze spout is beautifully adorned with the classic acanthus leaf motif, a staple of Greek decorative art. Immediately below this, a delicate band of patinated bronze roses encircles the design, providing a subtle textural and tonal variation. Further down the body, a harmonious combination of floral and foliage motifs is intricately integrated with the gilt bronze, showcasing exquisite detailing and contributing to the overall elegance. Style and Period: This pair of candlesticks is a quintessential example of the Directoire style, reflecting the classical beauty and streamlined elegance that characterized French decorative arts following the revolution of 1789 and leading into the Consulate period. The emphasis on classicism, combined with a certain minimalism in form and the refined use of contrasting metals, defines its aesthetic. Overall Impression: These Directoire style gilt and patinated bronze candlesticks are a testament to classic beauty and refined craftsmanship. They would make a distinguished and captivating addition to any discerning collection, offering both historical charm and a sophisticated decorative presence.