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A Large 18th Century George I Gilt-Gesso Pier Glass, Attributed to John Belchier

Price

GBP 42,000

| USD \$56,834 | EUR 49,144

Item Reference: SA1015892**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 181 cm (71.3")

Width = 75 cm (29.5")

Depth = 10 cm (3.9")

Description

A Large and Important George I Gilt-Gesso Pier Glass, Attributed to John Belchier, Circa 1725. England. Divided by the original arched and rectangular soft bevelled mirror plates within a gadrooned and foliate-carved border surmounted by an impressive foliate crest, flanked by profusely carved scrolling acanthus wings above a punch decorated carved frieze. John Belchier 'The Sun', south side of St Paul's Churchyard, London; cabinet maker (fl.1699-d. 1753). This impressive mirror can be confidently attributed to the London cabinetmaker John Belchier based on similarities with two large pier glasses he supplied in 1723 and 1726 to John Meller at Erdigg in Denbighshire, Wales (National Trust; illustrated, *Early Georgian Furniture*, by Adam Bowett, p.292 plates 6:50-51). Originally destined for the Second Best Bedroom and Best Bedchamber respectively, they now hang in the Saloon. The earlier mirror shares comparable strapwork cresting with double scrolls centering a mask whilst the second incorporates bold, inward-curving scrolls carved in high relief along the upper border of the frame that overlap onto the top edge of the plate. These distinctive, palm-like scrolls appear ...

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