

SA1036897

Antique French Ormolu & Patinated Bronze Cherub Candle Stick 19th C

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1036897****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 26 cm (10.2")

Width = 8 cm (3.1")

Depth = 10 cm (3.9")

Description

A magnificent antique French ormolu and patinated bronze cherub candle stick, C1850 in date. The stunning patinated bronze cherub holding a gilded tulip candle stick above his head. Raised on an elaborately carved circular red marble stepped base with decorative ormolu banding and raised on four ormolu toupie feet. A delightful object which will look fabulous in any surrounding. Condition: In really excellent working condition having been beautifully cleaned in our workshops, please see photos for confirmation. Dimensions in cm: Height 26 cm x Width 8 cm x Depth 10 cm. Dimensions in inches: Height 10 inches x Width 3 inches x Depth 4 inches. Ormolu (from French 'or moulu', signifying ground or pounded gold) is an 18th-century English term for applying finely ground, high-carat gold in a mercury amalgam to an object of bronze. The mercury is driven off in a kiln leaving behind a gold-coloured veneer known as 'gilt bronze'. The manufacture of true ormolu employs a process known as mercury-gilding or fire-gilding, in which a solution of nitrate of mercury is applied to a piece of copper, brass, or bronze, followed by the application of an amalgam of gold and mercur...

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