

SA1071318

Fine quality near pair of 19thc
French Empire mahogany
gueridon tables with carved
swan decoration

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1071318

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 75.5 cm (29.7")

Width = 97.8 cm (38.5")

Depth = 97.8 cm (38.5")

Description

A fine quality near pair of early 19th century (circa 1810) French Empire mahogany gueridon tables with carved swan decoration. These tables are a very near pair and are very similar in design and size, we will refer to table 1 shown on the left of photo 1, table 2 shown on the right of photo 1. This near pair of tables both consist of an original circular black fossil marble top with moulded edge leading down to a figured mahogany frieze with moulded edge below. The mahogany tri-form bases consist of concave sides of superb curl mahogany supported by three finely carved swans to each corner, the swans to table 1 slightly larger with their wings together, the wings on table 2 slightly apart, this leading down to a mahogany tri-form concave plinth with turned feet and brass castors. The swan is symbolic of grace, beauty, love and fidelity, an elegant bird associated with femininity, it is often found featuring in French Empire (1804-1815) furniture. The swan symbol was particularly associated with Napoleons' wife, Josephine, and was present in their first home and featured on various items of furniture and furnishings including their bed. The swan introduced the them...

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