

SA1121314

Fine Pair of Italian Ormolu Wall Lights or Appliques in the French Empire Style

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1121314****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 56 cm (22.0")

Width = 22 cm (8.7")

Depth = 11 cm (4.3")

Description

Fine Pair of Italian Ormolu Wall Lights or Appliques in the French Empire Style, two pairs are available. Italian - Circa 1880 These lovely wall lights are conceived as notched arrows with lion mask plaques in the centre of the shafts. The mouths of the lions, mounted on bronze backgrounds, hold gilt swags of interconnected beads, the same beads as are used as the decorative border framing the masks. Two naturalistic branches are attached to the lower part of the arrow shaft and these terminate in drip trays with floral detailing and candle nozzles or sconces with engine turning. The wall lights have been wired for electricity. The quality of chasing and finishing on these lights is exemplary. See for example the texture of the feathers, the use of matte and polished surfaces for contrast in different areas and the vast range of different textures used throughout these pieces. The gilding is original and is typical of the finest Italian and French work of this period. It is likely that the basic design for these pieces came from a series of wall lights first made in 1806 by Claude Galle and supplied in September of that year for use at Fontainebleau. Galle's design, il...

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