

SA1151185

Antique Pair of French Louis Revival 2 Branch Ormolu Wall Lights C1860

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1151185****Date of manufacture: 1890**

Dimensions

Height = 39 cm (15.4")

Width = 25 cm (9.8")

Depth = 9.5 cm (3.7")

Description

This is a stunning decorative pair of antique French ormolu two light sconces in the elegant Louis Revival style, Circa 1890 in date. Each wall light features a backplate with ribbons and acanthus decoration and scrolling arms terminating with reeded drip trays and sconces. Add some French extravagance to your home with these beautiful wall lights. Condition: In excellent condition having been cleaned and rewired. Please see photos for confirmation. Dimensions in cm: Height 39 cm x Width 25 cm x Depth 9.5 cm Dimensions in inches: Height 1 foot, 3 inches x Width 10 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 mercury. The item was then exposed to extreme heat until the me...

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