

SA1156127

Antique Pair French Neo-classical Ormolu Wall Lights Appliques 19th century

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1156127****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Height = 38 cm (15.0")

Width = 21.5 cm (8.5")

Depth = 12 cm (4.7")

Description

This is a fine pair of antique French Neo-classical twin branch ormolu wall lights, dating from circa 1880. The wall lights feature tapering backplates with urn finials issuing serpents supporting scroll branches with beaded decoration, later drilled for electricity. Add an elegant touch to your home with this decorative pair of ormolu candle wall lights. Condition: In excellent condition having been cleaned and rewired. Please see photos for confirmation. Dimensions in cm: Height 38 cm x Width 21.5 cm x Depth 12 cm Dimensions in inches: Height 1 foot, 3 inches x Width 8 inches x Depth 5 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 un...

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