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Fine quality early 19th century
French Empire mahogany
gueridon table with carved
swan decoration

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1159748

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 74.2 cm (29.2")

Width = 97.8 cm (38.5")

Depth = 97.8 cm (38.5")

Description

A fine quality early 19th century (circa 1810) French Empire mahogany gueridon table with carved swan decoration. This table consists of an original circular black Belgian marble top with moulded edge with a figured mahogany frieze below with moulded edge. The mahogany tri-form base consisting of superb curl mahogany concave sides supported by three finely carved swans to each corner leading down to a mahogany tri-form concave plinth with turned feet and original recessed 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 furniture and furnishings including their bed. The swan introduced the theme of 'wings' and was used before the eagle symbol, the wing emblem is ubiquitous in the empire period, it was a declaration of the victory of love and the beauty personified by Apollo. In classical mythology the swan was the protector of and sacred to Apollo, also in the Greek myth 'Leda and the Swan' where Z...

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