

SA1199097

Pair of fine quality late 19th century Louis XIV style ormolu figural chenets or fire dogs

Price

GBP 2,450

| USD \$3,315 | EUR 2,867

Item Reference: SA1199097

Date of manufacture: 1870

Dimensions

Height = 28 cm (11.0")

Width = 28 cm (11.0")

Depth = 7.5 cm (3.0")

Description

A pair of fine quality late 19th century (circa 1870) Louis XIV style ormolu figural chenets or fire dogs. This pair of chenets each consist of a winged putto with fabric draped across his body, warming his hands over a flaming urn and seated on a plinth with swag decoration. This is supported on a rectangular plinth with central sunburst, floral swag drapes below with foliate paterae to either side and to each end, all supported on four tapered baluster feet – the sun being the symbol for King Louis XIV – The Sun King. At the beginning of his reign Louis XIV (1638-1715) chose the sun as his personal emblem, it represented his power, absolute monarchy and his identification with Apollo, the God of Peace and of the Arts - the emblem for the Sun King was portrayed as a human face surrounded by rays of light. The sun king symbol can be found everywhere at The Palace of Versailles: on gates, doors and ceilings as well as being used on many other buildings, canons etc. and also continued to be used as a symbol in France over the years. This pair of chenets are in good condition for age with a small loss to one of the lower floral swags. Size: Height: 11" / 28cm Width...

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