

SA1203907

Exceptional Pair of French Late Empire Gilt Bronze Candelabra Attributed To Pierre Philippe Thomire

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1203907****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 85 cm (33.5")

Width = 33 cm (13.0")

Depth = 33 cm (13.0")

Description

A pair of exceptionally elegant and important late Empire five-light figural candelabra 'A la Victoire' in gilt-bronze, attributed to Pierre-Philippe Thomire, after a design by Charles Percier. Imposing size at 81cm in height. French Paris c.1820 Superbly cast, in the Neo-Classical style, the five scrolling foliate candle branches enclosing central sconces issuing from a circular wreath supported by the winged figure of Victory (Nike), wearing diaphanous robes gathered by a sash above a long underskirt splaying out from above her ankles, with beautifully feathered wings flowing behind her as she looks straight ahead. Each figure standing on one foot, the other bent, resting on a plain sphere over a reeded palmette-cast baluster pedestal raised on square plinth. Wonderful colour and patina, pierced for electricity, old inventory label to the underside. We are delighted to have been able to acquire these important candelabra as rarely does one get the opportunity to purchase items by P P Thomire, who was the leading Parisian gilt metal manufacturer and gilder of the early 19th century. As noted below candelabra of this caliber are often found in museums and important pr...

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