

SA1204971

Antique French Floral and Musical Trophy Gilt Bronze Fire Screen 19th Century

Price

GBP 2,050

| USD \$2,774 | EUR 2,399

Item Reference: SA1204971

Date of manufacture: 1870

Dimensions

Height = 78.5 cm (30.9")

Width = 66 cm (26.0")

Depth = 15.5 cm (6.1")

Description

This is a superb and very decorative French Rococo revival ormolu and mesh fire-screen, circa 1870 in date. The shaped rectangular screen features an acanthus crest handle and the screen is mounted with ribbon-tied overlaid swags of rock roses, with floral and musical trophies. The screen is raised on out-swept hoof feet. Add a lovely French focal point to your home with this lovely fire screen. Condition: In excellent condition, please see photos for confirmation. Dimensions in cm: Height 78.5 cm x Width 66 cm x Depth 15.5 cm. Dimensions in inches: Height 2 foot, 7 inches x Width 2 foot, 2 inches x Depth 6 inches. Ormolu - Gilt Bronze (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...

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