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Exceptional rare pair of early 19th century French Empire bronze & gilt-bronze candelabra of superb quality, signed 'Rabiat'

Price

GBP 10,500

| USD \$14,217 | EUR 12,286

Item Reference: SA1207084

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 54.5 cm (21.5")

Width = 24.8 cm (9.8")

Depth = 10.8 cm (4.3")

Description

A rare pair of early 19th century (circa 1810) French Empire bronze and gilt-bronze candelabra of exceptional quality, signed 'Rabiat'. This superb pair of candelabra originally designed by Pierre-Phillippe Thomire (1751-1843) and executed by the foundry-chaser Claude Francois Rabiat (1756-1815), Rabiat receiving a Master in 1778 and working with eminent bronziers such as Thomire, Feuchere and Galle. The candelabra consist of a winged female 'Victory' or 'Victoire', each with superbly cast wings with draped chiton and hair of chignon style, these female figures being characteristic of the Empire period. The superbly formed figures having raised arms, each holding aloft intricate gilt-bronze candle holders in the form of baskets of flowers with a further gilt-bronze vase shaped candle holder with flowers overhead. The figures with slightly raised feet are supported on a spherical dome leading down to superbly chased gilt-bronze columns with square base below. Pierre-Philippe Thomire (1751-1843) was a French sculptor and one of the most prominent bronziers or producers of ornamental patinated and gilt-bronze objects and furniture mounts of the First French Empire. ...

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