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Ceylonese 19th Century Carved Ebony Side Chair with Specimen Inlay Galle District

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1210743****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 93 cm (36.6")

Width = 51 cm (20.1")

Depth = 43 cm (16.9")

Description

Ceylonese 19th Century Carved Ebony Side Chair with Specimen Inlay Galle District Ceylon circa 1840. This outstanding chair was conceived in the early rococo revival style and executed in Ceylon in the middle of the 19th century. Made primarily of ebony of wonderful density, colour and surface, this chair is a masterpiece of the carver's art. Starting at the bottom, the front legs of the chair are conceived as elephant trunks with a slight cabriole aspect to them. The knees have carved elephant masks, the trunks holding leafy branches and the faces carved with real vitality and character. The legs are joined by a gadrooned apron with central cabochon feature and the front rail is carved with leafy ornament of great delicacy. The seat of the chair is solid wood rather than caned or upholstered, suggesting that they were probably originally designed as hall chairs. With squab cushions they are very comfortable and could easily be utilised as dining chairs today if required. The uprights of the chair have a moulded edge and further leaf carving but are quite subdued compared to the rest of the pieces, adding a welcome element of contrast and making the highly carved areas ...

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