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Rare Pair of Spanish Colonial 18th Century Tortoiseshell Enconchado Mirrors, Peruvian or Mexican

Price

GBP 11,750

| USD \$16,020 | EUR 13,711

Item Reference: SA1219570**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 59.5 cm (23.4")

Width = 50 cm (19.7")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

Description

A Rare and Unusual Pair of 18th Century Spanish Colonial 'Enconchado' Mirrors Veneered in Tortoiseshell and Inlaid With Bone and Mother of Pearl Made in Lima (Peru) or Mexico Circa 1720 Provenance One of the mirrors with a fragmentary label printed with "Bodmer", possibly relating to one of the branches of the Bodmer family in Switzerland, some of whom were renowned collectors of South American art. The mirrors of rectangular form with ripple moulded outer borders framing tortoiseshell veneered inner borders inlaid with fine bone stringing and sinuous floral motifs inlaid in mother of pearl. The sight edges also veneered and inlaid with a repeating geometric motif. The mirrors are notable for the fine quality of the inlay, their unusually large size for this date, in particular the size of the plates themselves (possibly original) and the fact that they are a pair. The term 'Enconchado' comes from Spanish colonial art, particularly associated with Mexico, comprising of oil paintings inlaid with mother of pearl and other iridescent minerals. This form of art is discussed in great detail by Miguel Arisa in his essay Luminosity in Mexican Enconchado Paintings and Concepti...

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