

SA1219573

Exceptional Pair of Large 19th Century French Three Branch Ormolu Wall Lights or Appliqués

Price

GBP 9,800

| USD \$13,236 | EUR 11,462

Item Reference: SA1219573

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 99 cm (39.0")

Width = 58.5 cm (23.0")

Depth = 23 cm (9.1")

Description

An exceptional pair of grand scale 19th century French gilt bronze wall lights after the Rococo Model by Jean-Claude Duplessis of c.1749. French - Paris Circa 1880 These outstanding wall lights of wonderful scale and colour with asymmetric scrolling fruiting acanthus leaf arms and corresponding urns, nozzles and pierced collars, issuing from matching slender leafy backplates are made after a model which is datable to 1745-49. The 18th century model is attributed by Ottomeyer and Pröschel in their landmark work *Vergoldete Bronzen* Vol. I p. 143 fig. 2.II.17 to the great designer Jean-Claude Duplessis, one of the masters of the French rococo. The pair of wall lights illustrated in the link below are a pair now in the Metropolitan Museum New York, having been donated in 1971 by Mrs Charles Wrightsman, one of the 20th century's most important collectors.

<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/205433> Upon close examination of the images, it is evident that our pair of lights, which are similarly grand in scale, closely follow the Duplessis design. The gilding on our lights is excellent, but the chasing (engraving or embossing) is even better, with a superb crisp...

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