

SA1224541

A Pair of Early 19th Century French Bronze and Marble Tazzas of Particularly High Quality and Large Size

Price

GBP 2,950

| USD \$4,022 | EUR 3,442

Item Reference: SA1224541**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 27 cm (10.6")

Width = 18.5 cm (7.3")

Depth = 18.5 cm (7.3")

Description

A Pair of Early 19th Century French Bronze and Marble Tazzas of Particularly High Quality and Large Size French Circa 1820 These tazzas are incredibly finely detailed and of the finest quality throughout. The bases of the tazzas themselves are cast with flowers tied with ribbons and the stem or socles have leaf castings which are extremely naturalistic and not stylised as is more usually the case. An outspreading mushroom-form knop supports the heavily gadrooned bowl and the rim has a fine egg and dart decoration and a beaded upper edge. The most outstanding feature of the pieces might be the handles which have beautiful mask form terminals, possibly representing Ceres the goddess of the harvest and plenty, the theme of the decoration overall therefore being abundance, entertaining and food. This suggests that they might originally have been designed to be placed in a dining room or entrance hall as symbols of the generous entertainments provided by the owners of the house. The handles also feature leaf and scrollwork and the casting is extremely crisp and clear. The bronzes have also attained a very fine patination with plenty of variation in colour and surface in...

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