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A GEORGE I PERIOD CARVED AND GILT GESSO MIRROR

Price

GBP 45,000

| USD \$60,894 | EUR 52,655

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Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 123 cm (48.4")

Width = 75 cm (29.5")

Depth = 12 cm (4.7")

Description

English, Circa 1720 This impressive English George I period mirror, made circa 1720, is crafted from carved wood and carved gilded gesso. The vauxhall bevelled plate is enclosed within a deeply ornamented frame that reflects the grandeur and sculptural richness of early 18th-century design. The mirror retains a softly mottled surface, suggestive of age, which enhances its period character. The cresting is particularly elaborate. At the top, a bold central plume ornament rises above a broken pediment form. Flanking this are two finely carved masks facing inward toward the centre. These masks, with expressive features and flowing hair that merges into scrolling acanthus leaves, are characteristic of the late Baroque influence still prevalent in England around 1720. Their placement creates symmetry while adding dramatic movement to the upper section. Shell motifs sit over the outer corners, reinforcing the sense of balance and refinement. The side rails are richly decorated with running foliate patterns, delicate strapwork, finely executed in carved gesso. Midway down, scrolled brackets project outward, adding depth and sculptural dimension to the frame. The lower apron i...

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