

SA1230544

A Rediscovered Pair of George III Mahogany Bookcases by Gillows

Price

GBP 38,000

| USD \$51,809 | EUR 44,342

Item Reference: SA1230544

Date of manufacture: Georgian

Dimensions

Height = 234 cm (92.1")

Width = 91 cm (35.8")

Depth = 50 cm (19.7")

Description

This rediscovered pair of George III mahogany bookcases by Gillows of Lancaster and London dates to the late 18th century during the Hepplewhite period circa 1780 and has been reunited after many years apart. Although unsigned, the construction, timber selection, design details and surviving Gillows archive references support the firm manufacture to Gillows. Each bookcase has an overhanging cornice above a carved dentil moulding, with end grain mahogany veneers set over a solid thumbnail moulding. The glazed upper doors are framed with figured mahogany and fitted with an unusual oval astragal arrangement, executed in long grain mahogany and finely inlaid with a single ebony outline. The doors open to reveal three original adjustable oak shelves with figured oak backboards. The lower drawer sections are cross banded with contrasting flamed mahogany panels outlined in boxwood stringing and retain their original gilt brass oval drop handles with central oval patera. Handles of closely related form are illustrated in surviving Gillows archive material and in Susan E. Stuart's Gillows of Lancaster and London, 1730-1840, Volume II, page 335, illustrations an and b. One bookca...

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