

SA1230800

A Lovely Sized and Highly Decorative French Carved and Gilt Mirror c1840

Price

GBP 2,850

| USD \$3,886 | EUR 3,326

Item Reference: SA1230800

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 176 cm (69.3")

Width = 99 cm (39.0")

Depth = 17 cm (6.7")

Description

A French Carved and Gilt Mirror, circa 1840 A wonderfully decorative mid-19th-century French carved mirror, circa 1840, retaining a particularly appealing, naturally aged surface. The architectural arched mirror is surrounded by an elaborate carved frame composed of scrolling foliage, floral ornament, trailing leaves and ribbon-like details. The exuberant crest is particularly accomplished, with opposing scrolls centred by a large stylised acanthus motif and suspended floral ornament. The lower corners terminate in boldly carved scrolling elements, giving the mirror a pleasing sense of balance and movement. What makes this example especially attractive is its untouched, time-worn appearance. Areas of the original carved frame and gesso remain visible beneath layers of old paint, original and later gilding. These surfaces have naturally rubbed and mellowed over many years, revealing warm tones of gold, cream, silvered-grey and the underlying ground. Rather than detracting from the mirror, this variation gives it tremendous depth and character and creates the wonderfully relaxed, rustic appearance so desirable in an antique decorative interior. The frame surrounds a lat...

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