

SA1231428

Set of Four Louis XV Ormolu Three Branch Wall Lights Circa 1770

Price

GBP 38,500

| USD \$52,491 | EUR 44,926

Item Reference: SA1231428**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 51 cm (20.1")

Width = 35 cm (13.8")

Depth = 25.5 cm (10.0")

Description

An Highly Important Set of Four Louis XV Ormolu Three-branch Wall-lights Circa 1770. PROVENANCE Wanecq Ltd, Paris, 1974 The collection of Monsieur and Madame François Christie's, King Street, London, MONSIEUR AND MADAME FRANÇOIS-A LIFETIME OF COLLECTING, 9th June 2011, Lot 55 (£67,250) Each wall light finely gilded and chased with a quiver-form backplate surmounted by a flaming urn finial. The scrolling branches with foliate detailing terminating in oval drip-pans and swag-wrapped candle nozzles. The present wall lights, unusual for surviving as a set of four, represent the height of the taste for neoclassicism in France in the late 18th century. Superbly chased and retaining their original gilding, they relate in part to a series of wall lights published by the ornamentalist Jean-Charles Delafosse in his Nouvelle Iconologie Historique in 1768 (see image for one of Delafosse's designs). Delafosse's designs for vase shapes in particular were hugely influential, versions being made at Sevres and throughout Europe. The finials on the present wall lights are entirely typical of his taste and show his influence in their landmark work on ormolu, Vergoldete Bronzen, Han...

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