

SA1232335

Pair of 18th Century Venetian Murano Glass Mirrors

Price

GBP 36,000

| USD \$49,082 | EUR 42,008

Item Reference: SA1232335

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 130 cm (51.2")

Width = 72 cm (28.3")

Depth = 10 cm (3.9")

Description

A Rare and Highly Significant Pair of 18th-Century Venetian Murano Girandole Mirrors Venice, circa 1730–1750
This exceptional pair of Venetian Murano girandole mirrors represents some of the finest glassmaking produced in Venice during the early to mid-eighteenth century. Created around 1730–1750, they reflect both the technical mastery of Murano artisans and the imaginative spirit of the Rococo period. The mirrors are designed in a cartouche-shaped form, a style widely popular throughout Europe during the Rococo era. However, what makes these examples uniquely Venetian is the combination of engraved and etched mirror plates with applied decorative elements in coloured glass. Produced in and around Murano—the historic centre and birthplace of European glassmaking—these mirrors showcase techniques for which the island became internationally renowned. For many years, Murano held a near monopoly on the production of high-quality mirror glass before competition emerged with the rise of lead-glass manufacturing in England. These mirrors perfectly capture the playful and decorative character of Rococo design, with its fascination for movement, asymmetry, and the natural...
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