

SA461406

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Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA461406

Date of manufacture: 1860

Dimensions

Height = 49 cm (19.3")

Width = 41 cm (16.1")

Depth = 20 cm (7.9")

Description

Magnificent pair of large-scale C19th French Louis XVI style ormolu bronze fireplace 'chenets', cast as rampant lions, complete with detachable cast-iron and steel andirons and fire-basket. Superb quality cast ormolu bronze rampant or 'guardant' regal lions, with excellent detail and finish. The snarling, open-mouthed beasts with raised front paws upon a shield, together with shell and armorial decoration. Finished as three-quarter dimension bodies with hand-finished and chiselled details. Designed on rococo scrolling bases and a shaped squared foot. Supported upon cast-iron rear struts which slot into the cast andirons also with finial decoration. The slatted fire-basket with 'navette' shaped profile, fitting over the return ends of the andirons. Great decorative presence, combining with an elegant and practical fire-place setting. (*NB. A similar, though smaller, pair of chenets sold Christie's London 22/03/2017 Sale No. 14193 "Robert de Balkany" Lot No. 178 £4375.) H (lions) 19" W 16" D 8" W (assembled) 63" D 31" France c.1860

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