

SA875451

Pair of 18th Century George II Gothic Yew and Elm Windsor Armchairs, circa 1760

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA875451****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 103 cm (40.6")

Width = 64 cm (25.2")

Depth = 46 cm (18.1")

Description

The Windsor chair at its most elaborate and fine, the Gothic Windsor of yew wood and elm, circa 1760. England. It is, without doubt, the most sophisticated and elegant of all Windsor chairs and can be described as quintessentially English country furniture. They are the most exquisite and fine design of all Windsor chairs and it is also the rarest of all models. This form is also known as the 'Chippendale' of country seating and 'Strawberry Hill' design, after the Strawberry Hill House in London was remodelled by Horace Walpole (1717-1797) and featured windows with a distinctive gothic shape. A similar Windsor Chair is illustrated on the cover of 'Windsor Chairs' by Micheal Harding Hill, where he describes "This style of Windsor has been considered for some time to be the pinnacle of Windsor chair design; it is more sought after than any other Windsor chair, and it is rare than any of the other styles." Further reading: Perhaps most famously, a notably similar set of six Gothic Windsor chairs belonging to Peggy and David Rockefeller, sold at Christie's, New York in 2018 for, \$336,500 (approximately £247,616), acquired from Mallet, London in 1995. The Metropolitan Museu...

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