

SA890652

Antique Savonarola Armchair, English, Gothic Revival, James Shoolbred, Victorian

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA890652****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Height = 105 cm (41.3")

Width = 62.5 cm (24.6")

Depth = 52.5 cm (20.7")

Description

This is an antique Savonarola armchair. An English, walnut seat with overt Gothic revival overtones by James Shoolbred, dating to the Victorian period, circa 1880. So named for the 15th century Italian Dominican priest Girolamo Savonarola, the progenitor for this style of chair was found in the convent of the San Marco in Florence. Captivatingly carved chair, strikingly crafted in Italian gothic taste Displays a desirable aged patina and in very good order Select walnut stocks show fine grain interest and rich caramel hues Enthusiastic carvings adorn every surface to exemplary effect Prominent back rest decorated with green man masque above a foliate frieze Acorn finials to each side rail stand above jovial lion head figures Sinuous arms with chased leaf pattern terminate in oak leaf knuckles Dashing demi-lune seat squab draws the eye, inset from the widely splayed arms Large green man masque uniting the seat to the equally distinctive base Standing upon unusual curved legs with bold leaf and scroll motif United across the knee and ankle with decorated stretcher rails Maker's mark to base for JAS. Shoolbred of London, with engraved number V233 This is an enticing and...

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