

SA905613

Late C18th /early C19th Italian
carved gilt-wood swan .

Price

GBP 2,400

| USD \$3,248 | EUR 2,808

Item Reference: SA905613

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 63 cm (24.8")

Width = 75 cm (29.5")

Depth = 63 cm (24.8")

Description

Late C18th/ early C19th Italian carved gilt-wood swan . Interesting and decorative large carved gilded lime-wood stylised study of a swan . Depicted with the wings spread wide apart, the neck arched in an animated or aggressive pose , the carved head with an open bill . Excellent carved detail to the feathers of the spread wings and body with webbed feet. Probably conceived as ornamentation for a bed canopy , the verso fitted with an original steel hanging hook . Now mounted on a bespoke detachable ebonised contemporary block plinth display base with a moulded surround. Minor historic repairs and refreshing to the gilding , evidence of historic extinct woodworm . This image of the swan possibly evoking the story from Greek mythology of the god Zeus who morphed into a swan in order to seduce Leda . As ornament for a bed canopy this would allude to both eroticism and seduction . H (full) 25" H (swan) 18" W 30" D 25" Italy c.1800

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