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Rare Large Gabriel Viardot French Japonisme Dragon Mirror With Cherub

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA990629****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 140 cm (55.1")

Width = 107 cm (42.1")

Depth = 21.5 cm (8.5")

Description

A Very Large and Rare Aesthetic Movement French Japonisme 19th Century Carved Mahogany Dragon Mirror with Cherub, Gabriel Viardot (1830-1906). France circa 1880. A stunning example of Gabriel Viardot's work, surmounted by an iconic carved dragon mid-flight at full wing span, grasping the original bevelled edge mirror plate, above a rarely seen affixed cherub with spear to the bottom righthand corner. In excellent original condition having a warm natural colour, the original glass plate having a small amount of tarnishing which can be seen in the image against a grey background but not noticeable or prominent when in situ. This mirror by Gabriel Viardot is signed to the verso and has to be one of the best examples I have seen along with the imposing scale and carving on this piece being exceptional. The signature to the verso is definitely in Viardot style but hard to authenticate and could possibly be later. What looks to be old inventory label is also visible to the rear showing this was possibly hung in a Hotel in Venice, Hotel Bottacin Venice. Japonisme is a French term coined in the late nineteenth century to describe the craze for Japanese art and design in...

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