

PAIR OF ORMOLU DOUBLE-ARMED WALL-LIGHTS



Russia, probably St Petersburg

Circa 1785

Dimensions:

H. 64,5 cm – W. 28,5 cm (25 ³/₈ in – 11 ¹/₄ in)

These two matching wall-lights are decorated with garlands and drapes of pearls as well as bands of leaves and laurel seeds that link a central rose to the two arms of the lights. These are supported by Greek-styled furled acanthus leaves that lead to the finely detailed bobeches and the drip-trays. The lower part is engraved with a grooved central form adorned with a Greek design, leaves and strings of pearls. The upper mounting is in the form of a knot in the centre of a bow of a ribbon with two intertwined snakes holding in their jaws a string of pearls between them.

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