



Louis XV Period Mirror In Golden Wood, Mid Eighteenth Century.



1 600 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état de maison .

Width : 47.5cm

Height : 49.7cm

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Description

Mirror from the Louis XV period in lime wood carved and gilded with leaf then burnished and amati, rectangular quadrilateral shape. The domed frame is flanked on each of its four corners by a spandrel from which bouquets of natural flowers emerge at an angle. The latter encases the ice. This consists of a flat glass plate lined with tin and lead immersed in a bath of mercury in order to dissolve them. Pewter associated with lead then giving this warm and luminous side to the so-called "mercury" mirror. The whole decoration is unified by a fine and elegant repair which contributes to the culmination of the work of the master gilder while sublimating the power of that of the master sculptor. On the back, the frame of the frame is blocked at each of its corners by a key, the sheet of ice is lined with a sole of

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maritime pine reported which comes to fit on the interior rebate of this same frame; traditional assembly technique inherited from the decorative arts of the great century. Technique which associated with the general decoration allows us to date this mirror from the very beginning of the reign of Louis XV; period when the decorative arts are still very influenced by the style known as: Louis-quatorzien where the perfect symmetry of the motifs remains cardinal value but which is distinguished by a more flexible and more varied ornamental research. Dimensions: Height 49.7cm - width 47.5cm. A wrinkle of time is to be noted; indeed the ice remained clear but slightly pitted.

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