

Lot 56



Auction **Decorative Art**

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GILT BRONZE CENTERPIECE WITH MALACHITE BOWL.

Thomire, Pierre-Philippe. 1751 - 1843 Paris.

Date: 19th century.

Technique: Gilt bronze. Malachit.

Description: Flat round foot with acanthus relief. Rosette with corresponding décor and knob-like finial mounted on the flat top side. On the sides of the foot rim three feet with leaf décor, which finish in young women's nudes on top. The bowl above mounted inside a ring with laurel décor.

Measurement: Height 21,5cm, ø bowl 24,5cm.

Mark: On foot inscribed "Thomire A Paris".

The impressive centrepiece carries a bowl made of malachite, which was mainly extracted from Russian quarries and mines in the late 18th and 19th century. Due to its preciousness and the fact that large pieces of the stone were very difficult to process, it was turned into sought-after decorative objects to adorn palaces and salons. Among the most significant is the famous Malachite Hall, which Tsar Nicholas I. created in the Winter Palace in St. Petersburg as an expression of his great preference for this exquisite material. Combined here with the fire-gilt bronze, crafted in the studio of Pierre-Philippe Thomires, who was known throughout Europe for his luxurious bronze objects, this centrepiece is a truly brilliant highlight for any table.

Estimate: 14.000 € - 16.000 €
