

**A pair of finely cast and chiselled Louis XV ormolou twin-branch wall-lights, attributed to Jacques Caffiéri (1678-1755), possibly after designs by J.A. Meissonnier (1693-1750).**

Each with scrolled molded asymmetric backplate cast with flowerheads to the base, the scrolled arms pierced with C-scrolls and cast with berried leaves and flowerheads, with acanthus scrolled drip-pans and nozzles, rethreaded.

**France, Circa 1750**

**Provenance:** European private collection.

**Conditions:** Very few gilt losses.

Height: 13,4 inc. (34 cm)

Wide: 10,24 inc. (26 cm)

The elaborate design of this pair of wall-lights, with coiling stem and branches, makes it a significant illustration of the Rocaille era creations. The nozzles and the drip-pans, the foliate and the scrolls, all different, demonstrate the vitality of Louis XV's style. The exceptional quality of the chasing enhanced by the mercury gilding, turn this pair of wall-lights into a beautiful example of the luminaire productions in mid-18th century, close to the production of Jacques Caffiéri.

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