MACKINNON FINE FURNITURE



A JAPANNED MIRROR

Spain, *circa* 1830

An exceptional early 19th century japanned mirror of fantastic scale and with great presence. The elaborately shaped frame decorated throughout with wonderful gilt chinoiseries on a black background, with figures in landscapes, trees, houses and boats in various tones of gold. The inner border surmounting the original mercury plate has a striking pattern of red and silver shaped diamonds and cabochons connected with floral motifs, laid out in a way to make it look as if the border is inset with gemstones. The outer vertical edges flanked with a pair of Chinese figures atop the most wonderful three dimensional silver gilt floral wrapped columns. The cresting with acanthus leaves, C scrolls and fine trellis work flanked by stylised dragon heads.

The decorative shading brilliantly done to create the optical illusion of three dimensionality.

Retaining the original mirror plate.

Height: 5' 6⁷/**I**" in (170 cm) Width: 44.88 in (114 cm)

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