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A Fine Pair of Neoclassical Style Carved Alabaster Vases

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92 x 0 cm (36 1/4 x 0 inches)

Alabaster ormolu

The ormolu bases stamped 'P.E. GUERIN INC/ NEW YORK'.

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The later gilt bronze mounted plinth bases stamped 'P.E. GUERIN INC / NEW YORK.'

The body of each vase is of campagna shape with the handles finely carved with trailing flowers and rising from bearded double Satyr masks inspired by those on the celebrated Medici Vase from antiquity. They are supported by inverted trumpet shaped bases and turned column supports put down on square section plinths.

The vases are raised on gilt-bronze stands, each finely cast with a laurel leaf running pattern and bun feet.

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P.E. Guerin is the oldest decorative metalwork foundry in the United States.

The company was established in 1857 by the French immigrant Pierre Emmanuel Guerin and by 1892 had relocated to Greenwich Village. The firm capitalised on the building boom in New York City in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, supplying mounts for the public buildings and private residences of clients including the Fricks, Vanderbilts and Morgans.