

19TH CENTURY FRENCH SILVERED BRONZE & MIRRORED TWO-PIECE "SURTOUT DE TABLE"

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Decorate a dining table with this elegant antique "Surtout de Table". Crafted in France circa 1830 and made of silvered bronze, the spectacular centerpiece is 28" in length and oval in shape. It comprises of two sections raising on fluted square feet, and decorated with a pierced frieze gallery of X motif over the original mirrored plateaus and wooden bottom. The large Period Restauration "Surtout" is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, and adorns a rich silver finish. A Surtout de table is an ornamental centerpiece displayed on a formal dining table, "a large centerpiece with mirrored plateaus and numerous candelabra and other possible display pieces on top". In French Surtout de table is the usual term for any type of centerpiece, but in English this "tray" type, along with the objects placed on it, is the usual meaning. Evolving from a simple plate or bowl on which to stand candlesticks and condiments, a Surtout de table often took the form of a long galleried tray made of precious or gilded metals, on which a series of other objects were placed for display. It was often made in sections allowing its length to be determined by the leaves added to the table. During the later half of the 18th century and throughout the 19th century, no formal table was considered compete without one. Today, they are still seen and used in the most formal dining rooms. 28.5"W x 20"D

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