

# *La Pendulerie*



## **Chaumont**

### **Bronze and Montcenis Crystal 36-Light Chandelier, Empire period**

Attributed to Gilbert-Honoré Chaumont (1790-1868)

Monumental Gilt Bronze and Montcenis Crystal 36-Light Chandelier

Paris, Empire period, circa 1820

Height 195 cm; diameter 132 cm

The corbeille-form chandelier's thirty-six lights are arranged in two tiers. Twenty-four candle arms are modelled as cornucopiae that terminate in rosette scrolls fixed directly to the outside of the finely chased and gilt bronze lower ring, the other twelve arms are placed on the upper portion of the ring. Alternating palmette and leaf motifs punctuate the composition. An intermediate ring is adorned with stylised friezes and motifs; the third and uppermost ring is surmounted by stylised palmettes. The central finely chased gilt bronze baluster stem has a pinecone finial; it is strung with elements of faceted Montcenis crystal.

In the mid 1830's Gilbert-Honoré Chaumont delivered a group of twelve similar sixteen-light chandeliers to the royal Garde-Meuble; they are today in the collection of the Mobilier national in Paris (see M-F. Dupuy-Baylet, *L'Heure, Le Feu, La Lumière, Les bronzes du Mobilier national 1800-1870*, Dijon, 2010, p. 277, catalogue n° 151).