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PAIR OF BAROQUE STYLE GILTWOOD DOLPHIN CARVINGS ON LUCITE BASES, 19TH CENTURY



$2,995

This striking pair of carved giltwood dolphin figures mounted on clear lucite bases likely began their life as decorative architectural elements—perhaps once adorning a piece of furniture, a boiserie, or a grand interior fixture. French or Italian in origin and dating to the 19th century, each dolphin is rendered in an exaggerated Baroque manner, with a fiercely expressive face, coiled tail, and highly stylized scales. The sculptural drama is accentuated by the shimmering water-gilt finish, which has developed a mellow patina with traces of age and wear that only enhance the sense of character and provenance.

Mounted vertically on crisp, minimal lucite blocks, the figures gain a contemporary lift—literally and visually. They now serve as bold sculptural accents, easily placed on a console, mantel, or bookshelf. The combination of antique carving and modern presentation offers a dynamic contrast of texture and tone, appealing to both traditional and eclectic interiors. Sold as a pair.

Height: 13.5 in (34.29 cm)

Width: 3.75 in (9.53 cm)

Depth: 6.25 in (15.88 cm)

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