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PAIR OF ITALIAN GILTWOOD DOLPHIN FRAGMENTS ON LUCITE BASES



$2,995

This striking pair of 19th-century Italian carved wood fragments in the form of stylized dolphins, now mounted on custom Lucite bases. Originally part of a larger decorative scheme—likely architectural or furniture ornamentation—these sculptural elements showcase the expressive curves and rich textural detail characteristic of Baroque and Rococo design. Each dolphin is hand-carved in a dynamic pose with a dramatically coiled tail, scalloped fins, and whimsical facial expression, rendered in deeply carved scales and gilt gesso. The original water-gilded surface has aged with subtle variation and warmth, revealing areas of reddish bole beneath the gold leaf.

Presented on clean-lined Lucite plinths, the fragments are elevated into a more contemporary decorative context, making them ideal for transitional or eclectic interiors. They bring a touch of historical craftsmanship and Italianate fantasy to a living room console, or flanking a headboard, Elegant, sculptural, and unexpected, thery offer both historical character and a one-of-a-kind designer edge.

Height: 14.5 in (36.83 cm)

Width: 4.25 in (10.8 cm)

Depth: 4 in (10.16 cm)

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