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PAIR OF STAFFORDSHIRE 1870S POTTERY LIONS WITH RICH GLAZE AND EXPRESSIVE MIEN



$6,250

A vivid and wonderfully expressive pair of Staffordshire pottery lions dating to circa 1870, modeled in mirror image and standing proudly on naturalistic bases. Their bright ochre-toned bodies contrast boldly with deeply grooved manes painted in streaks of burnt umber and black, creating a dynamic sense of movement and visual depth. Each lion rests a paw against a tree stump, striking a regal stance that is at once theatrical and endearing.

Characteristic of mid-19th century Staffordshire work, these figures possess an unmistakable charm—folkish in their modeling yet commanding in scale and posture. The boldly painted eyes and slightly whimsical expressions add a touch of naivety that speaks to their handmade origins and popular appeal during the Victorian era. The green, yellow, and brown tones of the bases offer a textured, landscape-like setting, grounding the pair in a decorative scene.

Whether displayed on a mantel, shelf, or console, this pair brings with it a sense of British tradition, Victorian humor, and enduring collectible appeal. Their bold palette and confident stance make them a striking focal point in any interior.

Height: 10 in (25.4 cm)

Width: 9 in (22.86 cm)

Depth: 3 in (7.62 cm)

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