

# GALERIE GOLCONDA

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## CERTIFICATE

### **PAIR OF CHAIRS FROM THE FIRST EMPIRE EX CHÂTEAU DE VERSAILLES, CHÂTEAU DE FONTAINEBLEAU, AND PALAIS DES TUILERIES**

**MATERIAL AND TECHNIQUE:** pair of empire period chairs in molded wood with grey lacquer, square back, rounded belt resting on hind baluster legs and front saber legs. Each block shaped connector is adorned with a delicately sculpted rosette.

One chair bears the stamp SELLIER in iron located under the belt, numbered F 8354 in blue, F 19170 in red, TU 4449 in black, double F 13583 and inscription in chalk. The other chair is marked with MRPEV on an escutcheon, numbered Vpe 327 and Vpe 237 in black, F 4221 in white, double F 7205 in black, 8481 in grey, labelled "Versailles small stables concierge's living quarters 6 chairs" and an inscription in black ink.

These pieces are in excellent condition.

**ORIGIN:** The inventory numbers and inscriptions located under the belts of each chair are indicative of their passage between several royal residences in the early 19<sup>TH</sup> century: the Château de Fontainebleau and the Palais des Tuileries. During the French Revolution of 1789, King Louis XVI and his family were forced to settle in the Palais des Tuileries after being driven from the Château de Versailles by the rioters. The second chair was also part of the furniture of Château de Versailles and was located in the small stables opposite the castle. Built in 1681 under Louis XIV, these small stables housed the king's horses and carts, as well as the lodging of the concierge. This was a prestigious title usually attributed to a royal officer in charge of guarding the palace.

One of the chairs bears the stamp of SELLIER (1806-1830), cabinetmaker.

**DATING:** These pieces successively belonged to the Château of Versailles, Château de Fontainebleau and Palais des Tuileries.

Château de Fontainebleau: Chair A: inventoried 1832 - exit 1882/1888

Chair B: inventoried 1842 – exit 1882

**DIMENSIONS:** Chair A: height: 90.3 cm (35.5”) – width: 49.5 cm (19.4”)

Chair B: height: 90 cm (35.4”) – width: 47.5 cm (18.7”)

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