Pair of mirrors - from the interior of the Ráth Villa

Furniture Collection

Accession Nr.:	52.3875.1-2
Date of production:	early 18th century
Place of production:	Germany
Materials:	limewood; pinewood
Techniques:	carved; gilded; pierced
Dimensions:	height: 140 cm width: 105 cm

The frame of the mirror consists of two parts: a base frame made of pine, and an ornamental one made of lime wood. The ornamental frame is open-worked, egg-shaped, gilt. The surface of the internal oval frame features lily ornaments. Rich, open-worked carved parts are connected to this: mascaron at the bottom, with two leaf motifs starting out from it to the two sides. In the middle winged caryatids, on the top there is a female figure between leaf motifs and above that a fruit basket. The central, oval, faceted mirror is surrounded by nine smaller ones of various sizes, fitting into the gaps of the open-worked carving.
The pair of gilt mirrors was made at the beginning of the eighteenth century one of them can be seen at the exhibition. It used to decorate one of the rooms of György Ráth's Városliget alley villa, the so-called Room of Gems.

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