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18th-Century Repoussé Brass Strut Mirror

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Height: 38 cm (15")

Width: 28 cm (11")

Description

An 18th-century strut looking glass, framed in richly worked repoussé brass and retaining its original thick-plate mirror, beautifully foxed with age. A rare and atmospheric survivor, it combines the practical elegance of an early dressing mirror with the warmth, texture, and character of period metalwork.

The shaped brass frame is decorated in repoussé-hammered from the reverse to create raised ornament across its surface. This hand-worked detail gives the frame a lively, sculptural quality, catching the light differently from every angle and providing a handsome contrast to the softly aged mirror plate within. At the reverse, the folding strut allows the glass to stand freely on a dressing table, chest, or mantelpiece.

The mirror is especially appealing for its thick antique plate and gentle foxing, which gives the reflective surface a softly mottled, silvery appearance impossible to replicate in modern glass. Rather than detracting from the piece, this natural ageing enhances its authenticity and lends it a quiet, evocative presence.

A fine and decorative example of 18th-century domestic craftsmanship, this strut mirror would make a distinguished addition to a dressing room, bedroom, library, or period interior. It is equally appealing to collectors of antique mirrors, early brasswork, and Georgian decorative arts.

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