



18th Century Antique

An important George II English chimneypiece in white statuary and Siena marble. Of the highest quality with full rounded Siena columns on the jambs. The tiered moulded shelf with dentil decoration. The Siena frieze with well executed scrolling white foliate mounts. The blockings above the columns in white marble. The whole on foot blocks.

It relates to a group of chimneypieces known to have been made by Sir Henry Cheere (1701-1781), a leading figure in 18th century sculpture and design. The overlay of the carved white marble foliage in the frieze, in this case a fruiting vine, is a typical feature of Cheere's work. The vine motif suggests that the chimneypiece originally came from the dining room of the house to which it originally belonged.

Dimensions

Height 75³/₄in (192.5cm) width 98³/₄in (250.8cm)

Internal height 56¹/₈in (142.5cm) width 60¹/₄in (153cm)

Footblock to footblock 88³/₄in (225.4cm)

Shelf depth 15¹/₂in (39.4cm)

Reference

G264