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MI 18-9906

An Unusual, Bold and Dramatic Roman Mirror

Southern Italy, late seventeenth century

Size: 74 13/16" x 37 3/8" (190 x 95 cm.)

Price: \$38,000.00

With deeply carved swirling volute and foliate elements with C scrolls and shell motifs of oxidized silver and gold leaf. The outer frame shaped; the inner frame of rectangular form. Half hidden in the carving of the frame to either side is a grotesque human half-face, which – when seen from 45 degrees is completed by its own reflection. That on the right side recalls the small grotesque bronze busts that the great sculptor Bernini made on the roof of his own carriage.