



19th Century Antique

A magnificent early 19th century chimneypiece in white statuary marble with Siena inlays. Of large proportions in Greek revival style, showing two free-standing Ionic pilasters and an engaged-column at either side, functioning as jambs. The frieze is finely carved with a fluted detail interrupted by Siena marble inlays in diamond shapes, supporting a breakfront moulded shelf with an egg and dart motif running along the under-shelf. The taste for ancient Greek elements in architecture and interiors started during the mid 18th century and reached its peak at the beginning of the following century in Britain. This style was distinguished by rigorous symmetry and balanced proportions, with compositions that often recalled the structure of a Greek temple or a portico, such as in the case of the present chimneypiece.

Dimensions

Height 57½in (146cm) width 87¾in (223cm)

Internal height 45¼in (115cm) width 49¼in (125cm)

Footblock to footblock 84⅞in (215.5cm)

Shelf depth 14¾in (37.5cm)

Reference

G434