



**A PAIR OF PEDESTALS IN THE MANNER OF
BEFORT FILS OF PARIS**

Dimensions: H: 49 in / 124 cm | W: 21.5 in / 54 cm | D: 14 in / 36 cm

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Constructed in bois noir, dressed with gilt bronzes, and hardstone inlays; rising from incurved serpentine stepped bases, the inverted tapering columns having central hardstone panels depicting birds amidst fruiting trees, with smaller paired panels above, all within gilt bronze frameworks; pairs of male paired gilt bronze herms flank the upper column sections, with the shaped platforms dressed with conforming black marble tops.

French, circa 1860

Literature:

Denise Ledoux-Lebard's 'Le Mobilier Français du XIXe Siècle' remarks on the speciality of the Befort Family, father and his two sons, being 'Meubles de Boule avec mosaïque et bronzes' and shows images of similar pieces.

Reference:

Denise Ledoux-Lebard, *Le mobilier français du XIXe siècle, 1795-1889 : dictionnaire des ébénistes et des menuisiers*, Paris: Éditions de l'amateur, 2000; pp 47-48 (illus. p 49).