



**A PAIR OF SIENNA MARBLE TOP CONSOLE
TABLES AFTER THE DESIGN OF WILLIAM KENT**

Dimensions: H: 31.5 in / 80 cm | W: 33 in / 83 cm | D: 18.5 in / 47 cm

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Of strong architectural design, the carved giltwood tables surmounted by Sienna Marble slabs with everted and canted corners, supported on four S-scrolled legs carved with acanthus ornament and terminating in large block feet, each frieze centred by a female mask representing Ceres flanked by fruit-filled cornucopia and foliate swags.

English, circa 1890

Unusually small in size, the design of these console tables is related to documented examples by the great English designer William Kent, who heralded the [neoclassical](#) age in Georgian England. The motif of the abundant cornucopia can be seen in a design by William Kent for a console table, illustrated as plate 41 in John Vardy's publication of 1744. A Table for the State Dining Room at Raynham Hall repeats this motif, centred by a female mask representing Ceres, and with scrolled

legs whose design and formation are identical to the present examples.

William Kent (1685-1748)

A leading exponent of the Palladian revival he was sponsored by the Earl of Burlington. In the great Palladian houses of the period, of which Raynham, Holkham and Houghton are celebrated examples, Kent made free use of the rich and ornate baroque style which he had studied during his travels in Italy.

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