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**Pair of French Louis XVI Style 19th Century Bronze & Steel Medusa Hall Trees**

1880

each tall and finely crafted fluted bronze hall tree adorned with finely detailed gilt-bronze neoclassical decoration with berry finials, bows, ribbons, and tassels centering a trophy with lyre; the dramatic medusa mask emanating writhing snakes (for coats) with coiled snakes further down the shaft (for umbrellas); all over a square openwork base; purchased in 1994 from Leah's Antique Gallery, New York City (receipt attached); in good antique condition with minor wear to gilding and bronze; some oxidation to bases Medusa, while originally thought of as a monster who turned men into stone when they looked upon her, has morphed over time into a figure of beauty and represents the strength and power of women.

*Height: 83.5"*

*Seat height:*

*Width: 14.5"*

*Depth: 8.75" base: 10"*

*Diameter:*

*Drop:*

\$12,500