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Late Louis XV Gout Grec Giltwood Fauteuil in the Manner of Mathieu Bauve

£3,600

A late Louis XV 'Gout Grec' gilt-wood armchair in the manner of Mathieu Bauve, the stuffed back with patera spandrels and pine-cone finials, the stuffed bow-fronted seat with piastre-carved seat-rail, raised on fluted tapering legs with later castors

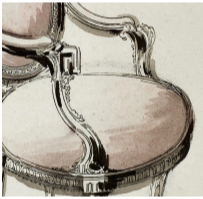
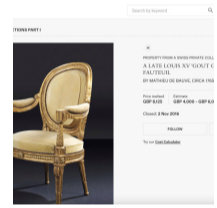
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Depth: 55 cm (21.75 inches)

Height: 115 cm (45.25 inches)

Width: 70 cm (27.5 inches)

Year: French, circa 1765



Mathieu Bauve was received Master of the guild of menuisiers (chairmakers) in 1754. Having produced seat furniture in a fluid but unremarkable Louis XV style, in 1760 he radically changed his output to produce pieces in the newly fashionable *Gout Grec* style of the offered armchair. A similar armchair by Bauve (here illustrated) is in Oscar de la Renta's New York apartment.

A design by Jean-Charles Delafosse (1734-1789) here illustrated shows alternative arm treatments for a *gout grec* armchair, one of which possibly inspired the arms of the present armchair