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PAIR OF 19TH-CENTURY FRENCH BRONZE CARYATID CANDLESTICKS, SIGNED BARBEDIENNE

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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Pair of 19th-Century French Bronze Candlesticks with Classical Caryatid Heads, France, mid-19th century (circa 1850–1870), Second Empire period, attributed to the Barbedienne foundry. Each candlestick is modeled with a finely cast female bust in the classical caryatid tradition, supporting an ornamented candle cup above. The idealized heads, with classical coiffure and serene expression, transition into slender tapering stems enriched with scrolling foliage, garlands, and neoclassical ornament. The broad circular bases are decorated with incised and relief motifs, lending visual balance and stability. Cast and hand-chased in bronze with a rich, naturally aged patina, these candlesticks reflect the high standards of sculptural and decorative bronze work associated with the Barbedienne foundry, renowned for its exceptional quality and fidelity to classical models. Such figural candlesticks were popular during the Second Empire for formal interiors and mantel displays. Minor surface wear and tonal variation are consistent with age, with no apparent structural issues. A refined and sculptural pair, combining neoclassical elegance with distinguished 19th-century French craftsmanship. Dimensions: 4" Diameter, 9.25" H