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PAIR OF 18TH CENTURY ITALIAN PAINTED AND GILTWOOD ARCHITECTURAL SEMI-COLUMNS



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A striking pair of 18th-century Italian architectural half-columns crafted in carved wood and decorated with traces of original polychrome and gilt finishes. Rising to an impressive 84.5 inches in height, the columns feature a cylindrical form embellished with a repeating Moorish-inspired lattice pattern highlighted in gold against a weathered pale blue-gray ground. Stylized gilt stars punctuate the design, creating a richly textured surface that reflects the decorative exuberance of the Italian Baroque period.

Constructed as engaged columns with flat backs, these pieces were originally intended to be mounted against a wall or integrated into an architectural setting. Their scale and decorative treatment suggest use within a chapel, palazzo, theater, or other grand interior where painted and gilded surfaces played an important role in the overall design.

Today, they serve as dramatic decorative objects, bringing height, architectural interest, and centuries of patina to an interior. Equally compelling displayed flanking a doorway, framing a fireplace, or standing as sculptural accents, they retain the character and craftsmanship that make antique Italian architectural fragments so sought after.

Height: 84.5 in (214.63 cm)

Width: 14 in (35.56 cm)

Depth: 22 in (55.88 cm)

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