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Royal Dux Porcelain
 Centrepiece Art Nouveau: "2
 Women on Conch Shell," circa
 1900.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1012524

Date of manufacture: 1900

Dimensions

Height = 37 cm (14.6")

Width = 32 cm (12.6")

Depth = 21 cm (8.3")

Description

This large and captivating Royal Dux Art Nouveau centrepiece or vase showcases two young semi-nude maidens held up on a shell, all set atop a finely moulded naturalistic base. Royal Dux porcelain is a type of fine porcelain that was first produced in the town of Duchcov (now Czech Republic) in the late 19th century. The company was founded in 1853 by Eduard Eichler, a skilled potter and entrepreneur. In 1860 the company began producing fine porcelain wares, and in 1896 the Emperor of Austria Franz Joseph I granted it the status of "supplier to the imperial and royal court". In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Royal Dux became known for its innovative designs and high quality workmanship. The company became particularly famous for its statuettes, which depicted a variety of subjects: animals, children, historical figures. One of the most characteristic features of Royal Dux porcelain is its trademark white matte glaze, which gives the products a soft, velvety texture. The company also produced pieces with glossy glazes and a variety of decorative techniques, including hand-painting, gilding and relief. During the 20th century, Royal Dux continued to produce high qua...

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