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Derby Porcelain Allegorical Figure of Europe, c. 1760

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1087239****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Description

A fine Derby figure of a young girl representing Europe from the series The Four Quarters of the Globe. She stands barefoot on a naturalistic base, dressed in exotic robes, holding an orb in her right hand and a scepter in her left. The inscription "Europe" is in gold on the front of the base. There are traces of patches on the base. Material: Soft-paste porcelain Height: 26.1 cm Weight: 964 grams Reference: Derby Porcelain Figures, Bradshaw, entry number 200, plate 249. Condition: Small chips on a few flower petals, small firing lines on the neck and back, minor loss of gilding. Otherwise, in excellent antique condition. Figurines from this series are highly sought after by collectors and occupy prestigious places in the most famous museums worldwide. The Derby Porcelain factory traces its roots back to the late 1740s when Andrew Planché, a Walloon Huguenot refugee, began making simple porcelain toys shaped like animals in his backyard. In 1756, Staffordshire enameller William Duesbury and banker John Heath partnered with Planché to establish a new porcelain factory. This venture grew into the largest factory of its time, acquiring the bankrupted Chelsea and Bow factorie...

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