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Porcelain Figurines 'ALLEGORY OF ART' by Achille Mollica, 19th Century

Price

GBP 1,500

| USD \$2,030 | EUR 1,755

Item Reference: SA1089167**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Description

Incredibly attractive antique porcelain figurines of women representing various arts. These bust-shaped figurines are hand-painted and were made by the Italian company Mollica in the late 19th century. The busts are mounted on tapering white square columns with stepped Greek-style bases decorated in gilt. At the bottom, there is a blue branding with a crown and an 'M'. The story of the Mollica family begins in Naples, where Giovanni Mollica and his sons opened their studio for producing both porcelain and earthenware in 1842. The brothers had an excellent instructor in their father, a former department head at the original Capodimonte factory under King Ferdinand. By the late 1800s, Giovanni's three sons had taken over the operation. Of these three brothers, Achille Mollica received high praise for his painted vases and plates in the Renaissance style. Pieces by Mollica from the late 19th and early 20th centuries reached collectible status. The similarity between the Mollica mark and the Capodimonte mark was intentional, as the association with the Ginori factory was beneficial for both companies, offering consumers a familiar trademark to associate with. Between 1950 and...

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