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Derby soft-paste porcelain rare
figurines "Poor Children" c.
1760, 18th century

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1107447

Date of manufacture: 1750

Dimensions

Height = 12.5 cm (4.9")

Description

Rare Pair of Derby Soft-Paste Porcelain Figurines – 'Poor Children,' c. 1760 A rare antique pair of soft-paste porcelain figurines, titled 'Poor Children,' produced by the Derby Factory around 1760. These charming and finely crafted pieces showcase the exceptional detail and artistry of Derby porcelain during its celebrated patch period. The boy figurine is dressed in a hand-me-down jacket with richly gilded buttons, yet his tattered sleeves, worn midsection, and a hole in the toe of his shoe highlight his rustic charm. His rosy cheeks and plump arms give him a healthy and endearing appearance. The girl figurine holds a wooden bowl and spoon, eating 'curds-and-whey.' Her patched dress, particularly at the back, adds to her rural appeal. Both figures stand on grassy mounds with tree stumps and scattered flowers, embodying pastoral life. Each piece is marked with the number 101 on the underside, confirming their Derby factory origin, and features the three patch marks, characteristic of Derby figures from this period. Historical Background The Derby Porcelain Factory, founded in mid-18th century England, became one of the most esteemed English porcelain manufacturers o...

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