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Dresden, Germany after Derby
Figurines Shepherd and
Shepherdess, 19th century.

Price

GBP 400

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Item Reference: SA1127828

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Description

Antique pair of porcelain figurines, beautifully crafted copies after Derby, made by the Dresden company in the mid-19th century. The set features a shepherd and shepherdess dressed in decorated 18th-century attire, seated on ornate scroll-based pedestals with a small bocage. The man plays a set of bagpipes, with a dog at his feet, while the woman plays a mandolin, accompanied by a lamb, emphasizing the pastoral nature of the scene. On the base, there is a very rare mark - a mirror letter B under a crown - mentioned in the book "Marks and Monograms on Pottery and Porcelain" by William Chaffers, a renowned researcher of antique porcelain. He notes that he has encountered this mark, but it is exceedingly rare and remains unidentified. Most likely, it was used by a small group of talented designers from Dresden who specialized in high-quality reproductions of early Derby pieces. Originals figures are referenced in book "Derby Porcelain 1748-1848" by J. Twitchett, cataloged as pattern No. 126. It should be noted that these copies exhibit remarkable craftsmanship, meticulous coloring and careful attention to details. In the mid-19th century, a period when "everyone copied eve..."

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