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Orpheus and Aphrodite
Figurines, by Samson & Cie,
France, circa 1850

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1136467****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Description

This finely crafted porcelain pair, made by the French manufacturer Samson & Cie around 1850, represents two figures from classical Greek mythology: Orpheus, the legendary musician and poet, and Aphrodite, goddess of love and beauty.

Orpheus is shown nude, crowned with a laurel wreath and holding a lyre — the symbol of his divine musical gift. A golden scroll or garland in his other hand suggests his poetic inspiration. Aphrodite stands gracefully with a paddle (now broken) in her right hand and a flowing drape over her body, referencing her mythical birth from the sea and her connection to water. Both figures stand on pierced bases with rococo-style scrollwork, floral touches, and fine gilding. The undersides of both figures are marked with the underglaze blue "S over crossed swords", a documented hallmark of Samson & Cie, confirming their origin.

This mythological pair reflects the 19th-century fascination with Greek antiquity and is a fine example of the period's artistic porcelain production. A rare and decorative addition to any collection...

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