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Bow Porcelain Figurine – Boy Singer, England, c.1765

Price

GBP 700

| USD \$947 | EUR 819

Item Reference: SA1141793**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Description

A finely modelled soft-paste porcelain figure of a boy singer, standing in theatrical attire—hat, jacket and breeches—holding a song-sheet in his left hand while conducting with his right. The graceful posture and gesture capture the mid-18th-century English taste for sentimental and genre scenes. Executed in Bow's characteristic soft-paste body with delicate polychrome enameling, this example belongs to the factory's later phase, when literary and theatrical subjects were especially prized. Underneath are two authentic factory marks: a red "anchor & dagger" and an underglaze-blue "crescent," both used by Bow between 1760 and 1775. A small square vent hole at the back of the base is original to the firing process. Documented in Peter Bradshaw's authoritative monograph *Bow Porcelain Figures*, circa 1748–1774 (No. B5, p. 169), this rare piece measures 15.5 cm high, 11 cm wide and 10 cm deep, weighing 304 g. Condition is excellent for its age: a feather on the hat shows probable early restoration; minor chips on leaves and flowers; a small firing crack at the base; and slight losses of gilding and enamel consistent with long-term survival. A fine and rare example of Bow scu...

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