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Large Porcelain Tray by Samson, Paris, Bleu Céleste, Watteau Scene, c.1880

Price

GBP 400

| USD \$541 | EUR 468

Item Reference: SA1151387**Date of manufacture: 1880**

Description

A large French porcelain tray, attributed to the workshop of Edmé Samson, Paris, circa 1880 — a rare example showing characteristics occasionally found in other high-quality Parisian ateliers of the period. The tray is decorated in the style of Sèvres, featuring a finely painted central pastoral scene after Watteau, framed by floral cartouches and set against a matte turquoise enamel ground (bleu céleste) with extensive gilt scrollwork. The underside bears an underglaze blue interlaced "L" mark imitating that of the Sèvres manufactory. While Samson is most commonly associated with glossy glazes, rare examples with softened or satin finishes are known, particularly in works emulating 18th-century royal models. (See: Catherine Bourgeois, *Samson: Imiter pour mieux servir l'art*, Éditions Fatou, 2002). Condition and Dimensions: Length 29.5 cm, width 23.5 cm, height 5 cm. Weight: 713 g. A long crack on the reverse has been professionally restored and is only faintly visible from the front. Minor rubbing to gilding. Otherwise in very good condition. Please study the accompanying photograph...

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