

SA1155417

Royal Worcester Majolica Fern Rockwork Jardiniere, England, c.1866

Price

GBP 1,500

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Item Reference: SA1155417

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Description

A superb and extremely rare Royal Worcester majolica jardiniere, dating to circa 1866. Produced during the height of the Victorian "Fern Craze" ("Pteridomania"), this sculptural piece exemplifies the fascination with naturalistic motifs in English decorative arts of the period. Modelled as a rocky outcrop adorned with finely detailed ferns and mosses, the jardiniere includes naturalistic pockets on each side designed for displaying cut flowers or fern fronds, allowing for elaborate floral arrangements in the Victorian manner.

This monumental cachepot is a true tour-de-force of English majolica, demonstrating both technical innovation and artistic creativity. The vibrant, multicolored glazes and deeply modelled relief create a striking three-dimensional effect, perfectly capturing the spirit of the era. Comparable examples of this form are held in the collections of the Victoria & Albert Museum (London) and the Worcester Porcelain Museum. Surviving examples in private hands are exceptionally rare, making this piece a coveted addition for serious collectors of British ceramics.

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