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Samson, Paris – Porcelain Figure “Gallant with Hurdy-Gurdy”, c.1880

Price

GBP 300

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Item Reference: SA1162810**Date of manufacture: 1880**

Description

Late-19th-century French hard-paste porcelain figure attributed to Samson, Paris. A courtly gentleman with hurdy-gurdy stands on a rococo scroll base with stump support; a tricorne hat lies at his feet. By the dense body, bright glaze, bouquet-sprig decoration and staging, the attribution aligns with Samson's Paris workshop. The hurdy-gurdy theme, rooted in rococo and the commedia dell'arte, was revived in a refined salon register in this period. Mid-18th-century France saw the hurdy-gurdy fashionable among the aristocracy and salons; noted composers, including Vivaldi, wrote for it. Related porcelain figures are recorded in museum catalogues and auction literature. Marks: spurious underglaze blue mark to base, consistent with Paris reproductions after 18th-century prototypes. Condition: excellent; no restoration, breaks or losses; minor rubbing to gilding at cuffs. Instrument intact. Dimensions Weight 552 g Height 22.5 cm Width 9 cm Depth 10 cm Please study the accompanying photographs carefully as they form an integral part of this description. If you have any questions, we will be happy to answer them. The item will be shipped with full tracking and insurance. It is imp...

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