

SA1163931

Antique French Silver Paste Saint Esprit Dove Pendant/Brooch

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1163931****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 6.3 cm (2.5")

Width = 5.2 cm (2.0")

Description

A beautiful late Georgian/early Victorian silver paste-set Saint Esprit pendant, which also has a brooch fitting. A spectacular articulated piece, the Saint Esprit ("Holy Spirit") is a religious symbol which was popular in Catholic France from the late 18th century, particularly in the Normandy region. The piece looks incredible against a black background or suspended from a plain black ribbon - if you'd like a ribbon as pictured, just let us know and we'll include it with your pendant :) The French jeweller Georges Frédéric Strass invented "Paste" in 1724. True paste is crafted from a special leaded glass that was painstakingly cut and then polished by hand with metal powder until it appeared to shimmer like a diamond. It was an instant success with the chic upper classes of Parisian society and continues to be highly sought after today. Nowadays paste is often used as a generic term to describe costume gemstones. SIZE: Approximately 6.3 x 5.2cm. WEIGHT: 17g. MATERIALS: 900 fineness silver. HALLMARKS/STAMPS: Stamped 900. CONDITION: In very good antique condition, a few of the pastes may be later replacements. ERA: Georgian-Victorian (c.1714-1901). Antique and vi...

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