

SA1199539

Antique George III Scottish Sterling Silver Sugar Basket

Price

GBP 1,995

| USD \$2,700 | EUR 2,334

Item Reference: SA1199539

Date of manufacture: 1750

Dimensions

Height = 16.5 cm (6.5")

Width = 10.6 cm (4.2")

Depth = 16.2 cm (6.4")

Description

An exceptional, fine and impressive antique 18th century Scottish sterling silver sugar basket; an addition to our Georgian silverware collection. This exceptional antique George III Scottish sterling silver sugar/bon bon basket has a plain oval boat-shaped form onto an oval pedestal foot. The plain body of this antique silver basket is embellished with engraved and undulating pin struck decoration to the upper portion. The rim of the body is ornamented with an applied border. This sugar basket retains the original reed decorated swing handle. The pedestal foot is encompassed with engraved decoration, replicating that to the body. This piece bears a maker's mark (IG - James Gordon) and Aberdeen town mark (ABD), rather than a full set of British assay hallmarks. Silver produced in Aberdeen during the 18th and early 19th centuries was often marked locally, as silversmiths worked outside the main Glasgow and Edinburgh assay offices. To avoid the cost and inconvenience of sending items away for formal assaying, many makers used provincial town marks or their own punches instead. As a result, it is entirely consistent for Aberdeen silver of this period to bear local or pa...

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