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Letu & Mauger Paris Pair of Large Romantic Biscuit Porcelain Figures c.1860s

Price

GBP 1,000

| USD \$1,353 | EUR 1,170

Item Reference: SA1212285**Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Dimensions

Height = 40 cm (15.7")

Width = 16 cm (6.3")

Depth = 16 cm (6.3")

Description

A monumental pair of French porcelain figures produced by Letu & Mauger of Paris around the 1860s, representing the firm's more ambitious large-scale decorative output. Standing approximately 40 cm high and weighing over 2 kg each, they were conceived not as ordinary mantel ornaments, but as impressive salon figures for affluent interiors, with the scale, paired design and theatrical presence expected of higher-tier mid-19th-century French porcelain. The pair depicts a gallant and a young lady in stylised 18th-century costume, forming a romantic genre scene characteristic of Rococo Revival taste. The gentleman, holding a sealed letter, suggests courtship or formal declaration, while the lady's poised theatrical elegance complements the narrative. Together they reflect the French fascination with idealised Louis XV-inspired refinement, transforming aristocratic imagery into decorative historicism for contemporary buyers. Letu & Mauger was active in the second half of the 19th century and became known for biscuit and parian-type porcelain figures, including religious subjects, romantic genre scenes and larger decorative works for affluent interiors. The company occupied a...

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