

SA1214392

Volkstedt Porcelain Allegorical Candlesticks Summer & Autumn c.1895

Price

GBP 600

| USD \$812 | EUR 702

Item Reference: SA1214392**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 21.4 cm (8.4")

Width = 10.5 cm (4.1")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

Description

A decorative pair of German porcelain figural candlesticks produced by Volkstedt R. Eckert & Co. around 1895. Executed in the ornate Thüringen rococo revival style, the pair combines allegorical modelling, applied flowers and vividly painted fantasy elements characteristic of fine late 19th-century German porcelain. The female figure represents Summer or Harvest in the iconography of Ceres, holding wheat, fruit and a torch beside a vividly painted dragon in green and purple enamels. The dragon recalls older European artistic traditions linking Ceres with dragons associated with agriculture and abundance. The male figure represents Autumn as a Bacchanalian youth with vine leaves, grapes and a pine cone. The fur wrap and wine vessel reinforce the Bacchic symbolism associated with wine and the harvest. Both figures stand beside flower-encrusted stems supporting rococo-style candle sockets painted in soft pink and pale green with gilt highlights. The delicate pastel palette, elaborate applied flowers and lively rococo revival modelling reflect the highly decorative character associated with late 19th-century Thüringen porcelain. The undersides bear the underglaze blue cro...

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