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Coalport floral dessert dishes with collector's Aston attribution, c.1835–1845

Price

GBP 400

| USD \$540 | EUR 468

Item Reference: SA1220133**Date of manufacture: Regency**

Dimensions

Height = 3 cm (1.2")

Width = 23 cm (9.1")

Depth = 26 cm (10.2")

Description

A fine pair of Coalport porcelain dessert dishes dating to the Rococo Revival period, c.1835–1845. Their shaped square form, moulded scroll handles, flower-shaped reserves and richly gilded ivory-beige borders exemplify the decorative elegance for which Coalport became renowned during the second quarter of the nineteenth century. A distinctive feature of the pair is the richness of the decoration. Large flower-shaped reserves are framed by gilt scrollwork, grape motifs and finely modelled ornament, while the centres are painted with individually composed bouquets of roses, asters and seasonal flowers. Although conceived as a pair, the floral compositions differ on each dish rather than repeating a single pattern. One of the dishes retains an old collector's label attributing the decoration to Jabez Aston. We have verified this attribution through the Catalogue of the Herbert Allen Collection of English Porcelain, preserved at the Victoria and Albert Museum, where he is recorded as a flower and fruit painter working for Coalport. He spent his entire career at the factory and became one of its most accomplished decorators. Flower painting was among Coalport's most import...

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