

SA1222021

Carl Thieme Potschappel Dresden Covered Potpourri Urn with Blütenbelag, c.1901

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1222021****Date of manufacture: Edwardian**

Dimensions

Height = 26 cm (10.2")

Width = 14.5 cm (5.7")

Depth = 9.6 cm (3.8")

Description

Produced by the celebrated Carl Thieme porcelain manufactory in Potschappel, Dresden, around 1901, this elegant covered potpourri urn is an excellent example of the factory's renowned Rococo Revival production. The authenticity of the piece is confirmed by the underglaze cobalt blue SP Dresden mark. The underside also bears the impressed factory model number 1701 with an additional impressed letter N. The graceful egg-shaped body rests on a finely pierced rococo pedestal and is fitted with beautifully moulded openwork scroll handles. Originally intended to hold dried fragrant flowers or scented potpourri, the urn combines practical purpose with refined decorative elegance. Its traditional multi-part construction is secured by an internal metal rod concealed within the stem. Hand-painted miniature reserves depict gallant scenes inspired by the *fêtes galantes* tradition established by Jean-Antoine Watteau. Brilliant white porcelain, delicate floral sprays, rich gilding and magnificent hand-modelled Blütenbelag flowers create a striking three-dimensional effect. The domed cover is surmounted by a charming kneeling putto holding a small bird, completing an elegant composition.

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