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Rare George IV English Novelty Silver Harlequin Monkey Sugar Tongs c.1830 Dee & Fargus

Price

GBP 265

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Date of manufacture: Georgian

Description

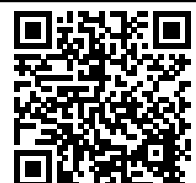
An amusing pair of early 19th century English sterling silver sugar tongs modelled as monkey dressed as a harlequin, holding two hoops above his head formed from coiled snakes. Very finely cast detail throughout. He is stood on a pair of scooped acanthus leaves to form the ends. Hallmarked for London with the lion passant and makers mark for Thomas Dee & John Fargus, c.1830. There are much later, and continental copies of these Harlequin tongs that can be found, but English hallmarked examples of this early period are very rare, usually being late Victorian or early 20th century. The definition is usually much poorer as is understandable. This is an exceptionally fine quality example. They measure 11cm (4 5/16") long and 4.5cm (2 3/4") wide and weigh 45g / 1.4ozt. In excellent condition with no damage or repair and minimal handling wear. They open and close smoothly and firmly.

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