

SA1228300

Rare Pair of Gorham Art Nouveau Sterling Silver Overlay Perfume Bottles, c.1900

Price

GBP 700

| USD \$945 | EUR 819

Item Reference: SA1228300

Date of manufacture: Edwardian

Dimensions

Height = 9.5 cm (3.7")

Width = 5.1 cm (2.0")

Depth = 5.1 cm (2.0")

Description

A distinguished pair of antique American Art Nouveau perfume bottles produced by the Gorham Manufacturing Company of Providence, Rhode Island, circa 1900. Executed in hand-blown glass with richly detailed sterling silver overlay, they are fine examples of the elegant decorative objects produced during the height of the Art Nouveau period. The pair comprises two matching globular bottles retaining their original ground-glass ball stoppers. One is made in deep emerald green glass, the other in brilliant clear crystal. Both are ornamented with finely pierced sterling silver overlay depicting flowing foliate ornament and graceful whiplash scrolls, motifs closely associated with Art Nouveau design at the turn of the twentieth century. Founded in 1831, Gorham established an international reputation for the quality of its sterling silver and luxury tablewares. Around 1900 the company expanded its artistic production with silver overlay glass, a technique requiring exceptional precision as each silver mount was individually fitted to the blown glass body before final finishing by hand. An attractive feature of the clear crystal bottle is its unengraved heraldic cartouche, pres...

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