

**SA1228301**

## Cantagalli Florence Renaissance Revival Majolica Ewer and Vase, c.1890

Price

**GBP 400**

| USD \$540 | EUR 468

**Item Reference: SA1228301****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 22 cm (8.7")

## Description

A rare pair of antique Italian Renaissance Revival tin-glazed majolica vessels produced by the celebrated Cantagalli pottery in Florence, circa 1890, during the lifetime of its founder, Ulisse Cantagalli (1839-1901). The pair comprises an elegant baluster ewer and a matching scalloped-rim vase inspired by the finest Italian Renaissance maiolica traditions. The ewer is distinguished by its sculptural heron or stork handle, while the matching vase shares the same Renaissance Revival baluster form with a scalloped rim and pedestal foot. Both pieces are hand-painted in underglaze polychrome enamels in the classic Raffaellesco style with fantastic birds, a winged siren, scrolling acanthus foliage and grotesques, finished with traditional geometric borders in cobalt blue, ochre yellow, copper green and manganese. The early freehand underglaze Cantagalli cockerel (Gallo) marks are of particular importance. Painted individually by different workshop artists, one appears in manganese black and the other in cobalt blue. Neither includes later export inscriptions such as "Italy" or "Made in Italy". As many Cantagalli models remained in production for decades, dating depends upon the...

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