

SA1228302

French Old Paris (Vieux Paris) Empire Porcelain Cabinet Cup and Saucer with Lion Mask Handle, c.1820

Price

GBP 250

| USD \$338 | EUR 292

Item Reference: SA1228302**Date of manufacture: Georgian**

Dimensions

Height = 11.6 cm (4.6")

Width = 9.5 cm (3.7")

Depth = 7.4 cm (2.9")

Description

An exceptional antique French hard-paste porcelain cabinet cup and saucer, produced by an independent Old Paris (Vieux Paris) porcelain workshop during the French Restoration period, circa 1820. Richly decorated in the Empire taste, the elegant campana-shaped cup is raised on a tall pedestal foot and fitted with a finely gilded loop handle terminating in a sculpted unglazed biscuit porcelain lion's mask medallion. Lion-mask handles of this type were generally reserved for the more expensive French porcelain. The cup and matching saucer are decorated with a deep pompadour red ground enriched with finely hand-painted burnished gold ornament. The Empire decoration comprises rosettes, anthemia, scrolling foliage and geometric borders. The broad matt gilt collar, fully gilded pedestal foot and richly gilded interior reflect the high standard of early 19th-century Paris porcelain. Produced during the golden age of the Paris porcelain industry, this cabinet cup dates from the period when independent Paris workshops produced luxury porcelain for the French aristocracy and affluent bourgeoisie. Its high pedestal form, elaborate gilding and rare biscuit lion-mask handle make it a f...

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