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Royal Sèvres Litron Soft-Paste Teapot, Louis XV Period, 1772

Price

GBP 3,500

| USD \$4,736 | EUR 4,095

Item Reference: SA1229101**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 11.5 cm (4.5")

Width = 15 cm (5.9")

Depth = 7.5 cm (3.0")

Description

An exceptionally rare French soft-paste porcelain teapot produced by the Royal Sèvres Porcelain Manufactory in 1772 during the reign of Louis XV. The underside bears the factory's underglaze blue interlaced L's enclosing the date letter together with the painter's mark jh, attributable to Jean-François Henrion l'aîné, who worked at Sèvres from 1770 to 1781 and again from 1783 to 1784. Renowned for his naturalistic bouquets, flower garlands and ornamental borders, Henrion's documented artistic speciality corresponds closely with the decoration of the present teapot. The elegant Litron form, with its cylindrical body, gracefully curved spout, high loop handle and original domed cover, was created for the refined tea services of the French court and remains one of the defining designs of the Royal Sèvres Manufactory. The rich deep cobalt-blue ground is enriched with finely tooled gilt pointillé, trellis ornament heightened with iron-red dots, rococo cartouches and exquisitely painted flower garlands. Their remarkable naturalism, subtle tonal modelling and confident brushwork perfectly reflect the refined artistry for which Henrion became renowned. Such Sèvres teapots are e...

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