

SA1231202

Meissen Porcelain Square Dish, Watteau Scenes and Black Ground, c.1850-1870

Price

GBP 300

| USD \$409 | EUR 350

Item Reference: SA1231202

Date of manufacture: 1880

Description

An exceptional antique German porcelain square dish, produced by the Meissen Porcelain Manufactory in Saxony, circa 1850-1870. The dish has an elegant shaped square form with gently raised sides and projecting rounded corners, richly decorated with elaborate hand-painted ornament and gilding. The surface is arranged with quatrefoil reserves surrounding a central black-ground floral panel, creating a highly structured and symmetrical composition. Two opposing white reserves are finely painted with fête galante scenes after Antoine Watteau, depicting elegantly dressed couples in romantic parkland settings, while the contrasting black-ground fields are decorated with colourful hand-painted flower bouquets. The decorative fields are divided by broad gilt ornamental bands with scrolling foliage and stylised motifs. The exterior of the dish is additionally hand-painted with scattered polychrome floral sprays. The underside bears the authentic underglaze cobalt-blue Meissen crossed swords mark with two factory wheel-cut cancellation lines, together with the impressed pattern number 15 and technical production number 3. The two cancellation lines indicate that the dish was clas...

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