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Antique English Fancy Birds Oval Dish, Attributed to Coalport, Cobalt Blue, c.1840-1850

Price

GBP 500

| USD \$682 | EUR 583

Item Reference: SA1231206**Date of manufacture: 1850**

Description

An exceptional early Victorian English bone china oval serving dish or comport, attributed to Coalport, circa 1840-1850. The piece is finely modelled in an elaborate Neo-Rococo form, with a deep oval bowl, pierced shell-shaped handles and a raised oval pedestal foot with a shaped, undulating footrim. The large central oval reserve is finely hand-painted with three exotic Fancy Birds set within a landscape of trees, rocks and water, in the Sèvres-inspired style fashionable among English porcelain manufacturers. The birds have smooth heads, elongated beaks, brilliantly coloured plumage and long tails, characteristic of the imaginative Fancy Bird tradition. The central landscape is surrounded by a rich cobalt-blue ground with four shaped white reserves, individually hand-painted with colourful flowers. The combination of deep cobalt blue, polychrome painting and extensive gilding was among the most luxurious decorative treatments of early Victorian English porcelain. The dish is attributed to Coalport on stylistic grounds, particularly its elaborate early Victorian bone china form, rich cobalt-blue ground, extensive gilding and distinctive Fancy Bird decoration. Coalport, ...

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