

**SA1232025**

## Ludwigsburg Porcelain Royal Serving Tray with Crowned Monogram, c.1765–1785

Price

**GBP 2,500**

| USD \$3,409 | EUR 2,917

**Item Reference: SA1232025****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 3 cm (1.2")

Width = 25.5 cm (10.0")

Depth = 35.5 cm (14.0")

## Description

A rare large hard-paste porcelain serving tray from the Ducal Porcelain Manufactory at Ludwigsburg, Württemberg, commissioned by Duke Carl Eugen himself. The tray has a highly unusual rectangular form with stepped sides, rounded projecting corners and a raised border. Its broad rim is painted with a continuous purple-brown Empire-style ornament of scrolling foliage and palmettes, finished with rich gilding. At the centre is a formal personal monogram: a white Latin letter "I" in an iron-red oval cartouche beneath an open five-pointed ducal coronet. The cartouche is framed by small purple roses, laurel sprays and leafy branches. We are inclined to believe that this exceptional commissioned piece was intended as a prestigious representative gift from Duke Carl Eugen to a foreign crowned head or sovereign. The reverse carries the authentic hand-painted underglaze cobalt-blue Ludwigsburg mark of interlaced C's beneath the ducal crown, together with a cobalt-blue numeral "2", probably indicating the tray's mould size. The unglazed footrim retains its natural antique patina and firing traces.

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