

SA1232126**Edmé Samson Pair of Chinese Singing Boy Figural Inkwells, c.1850–1860**

Price

GBP 1,000

| USD \$1,363 | EUR 1,167

Item Reference: SA1232126**Date of manufacture: 1850**

Dimensions

Height = 8.7 cm (3.4")

Description

A fine pair of mid-19th-century French hard-paste porcelain figural inkwells by Edmé Samson et Cie, Paris, circa 1850–1860, after 18th-century designs by Johann Joachim Kändler. Modelled as seated Chinese singing boys, each figure holds an open songbook with bright, burnished gold edges. The hollow bodies form the ink reservoirs, while the separately modelled removable heads serve as the original porcelain stoppers. The figures are finely hand-painted with polychrome flowering sprays and richly decorated costumes. Their broad fluted ruff collars are embellished with extensive gilding and delicate geometric diaper work. Each unglazed base bears a single impressed capital letter S, a documented mark of Edmé Samson et Cie. The Paris manufactory was celebrated for exceptionally fine reproductions of historic European porcelain, whose works have steadily increased in value on the international antiques market. Dimensions: First inkwell – Height: 8.7 cm; Weight: 140 g Second inkwell – Height: 8.7 cm; Weight: 132 g Condition: First inkwell: the porcelain body and detachable head are in excellent antique condition. The ruff collar immediately below the head shows areas of o...

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