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**Antique English Edwardian
Royal Doulton Porcelain
Cabinet Plate ~ "Laelia
Gouldiana Orchids" ~ David
Dewsberry**

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA402050****Date of manufacture: Edwardian**

Dimensions

Height = 24 cm (9.4")

Width = 24 cm (9.4")

Depth = 2.5 cm (1.0")

Description

A fine and rare Early 20th Century Antique English Edwardian Royal Doulton Porcelain Lobed Cabinet Plate with heavily gilded border and footring, "Laelia Gouldiana", commonly known as "Gould's Laelia" after Jay Gould, the 19th Century New York Financier; painted by David Dewsberry, active at Doultons from 1889 to 1919, having joined the company after training under the Alcocks at the Hill Pottery, Burslem, and having won the first medal ever awarded to a student at the Wedgwood institute. Acknowledged as a master painter of orchids, he studied the plants in the conservatories of the Duke of Sutherland, Joseph Chamberlain and other orchid-growers. A great music lover, he conducted the Burslem Congregational Church choir for 33 years. The church remembered his "unstinted voluntary work which raised the standard of the musical portion of our services to a very high level". His gravestone at Burslem Cemetery bears the words "gone to join the choir invisible". This plate, an excellent example of his work in this genre, bears on the obverse the signature of the artist, viz. "D. Dewsberry", the reverse with the Royal Doulton blue printed backstamp as used from 1902 - 1922 follow...

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