

SA497405

C18th Pair of Lead Cockertrice Figures

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA497405****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 34 cm (13.4")

Width = 31 cm (12.2")

Depth = 16 cm (6.3")

Description

Rare C18th pair of lead Cockertrice "Heraldic Cockerels", poised in an alert stance, and very unusually wearing a coronet around their necks, presumably made for a royal or titled family. Standing on a naturalistic plinth base, with baize to the underside. A cockatrice is a Greek mythical two-legged dragon or serpent-like creature with a cock's head. It has the reputed ability to kill people by either looking at them, touching them, or sometimes breathing on them. According to legend a cockatrice would die instantly upon hearing a rooster crow, and having a cockatrice look at itself in a mirror is one of the few sure-fire ways to kill it. Excellent condition English circa 1780 Dimensions (ins) 13.5 high x 12.25 wide x 6.25 deep Price £2900

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