

SA704290

Early C19th Regency period
maroon and gilt papier-mâché
circular tray by Clay , London.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA704290

Date of manufacture: Regency

Dimensions

Height = 25 cm (9.8")

Width = 25 cm (9.8")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

Early C19th Regency period maroon and gilt papier-mâché circular tray by Clay , London. Striking maroon ground papier-mâché tray decorated in gilt with exotic moths and butterflies within a trailing floral design . The raised edge with thin gilded bands . The reverse bearing a clear manufacturers stamp of "Clay , King St, Covt Garden " . The size and the raised edge of this tray indicate it was probably made to be used by a footman in order to receive calling or visiting cards as was the custom in Georgian and Regency society. In excellent original condition with only minor historic aged crazing to the surface . *Clay and Company (1770-1860) of Covent Garden ,London , were esteemed makers of a patented form of durable papier-mâché products , known as ' heat-resisting paper ware' . The material was patented by Henry Clay in 1772 . Begun in Birmingham, the company transferred its business to London in around 1785 . The company completed commissions for the Royal family , the nobility and gentry . H 10" W 10" D 2" England c. 1810

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