

SA750971

A Magnificent Victorian Solid Silver Figural Centrepiece Bowl - Henry Lewis 1896

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA750971

Date of manufacture: Victorian

Dimensions

Height = 23 cm (9.1")

Width = 18 cm (7.1")

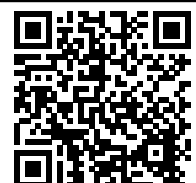
Description

We are delighted to be able to offer this magnificent solid silver Victorian figural centrepiece made by silversmith Henry Lewis in London, 1896. The entire silver artwork has been formed by a "cast-silver" process in which the very accurate, detailed and intricate figures of a mermaid, merman and the giant clamshell on top have been meticulously sculpted. Starting with the base, four applied-cast 'tulip shells' support the circular and raised platform. Above the platform lies the two figures of a mermaid and merman intertwined and supporting the 'giant clam shell' that is upheld by the mermaid. A particularly noteworthy area of detail is the impressive "sea spume" (the foam created by crashing waves) decoration on which the mermaids rest. The figures are magnificently sculpted and displayed to all angles with all sorts of curves, shadows and details created by the fine engravings and chased detailing of their hair, facial feature and scales. On top lies a giant clam shell bowl/tazza that presents the incredible artistry and finesse of Victorian craftsmanship with a flawless design and an impressive amount of detailing on the shell's exterior. The interior allows f...

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