

SA791772

Hand Painted Pair of Staffordshire Zebras

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA791772****Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Dimensions

Height = 12 cm (4.7")

Width = 12 cm (4.7")

Description

A lovely pair of hand painted Staffordshire Zebras on a grassy mound. Legs are slender and each piece has a delicacy and charm. Condition: Excellent. No repairs. A combination of the right clays, inventive potters such as Josiah Wedgwood and available labour made the Staffordshire district the centre of the china industry. Many small forgotten factories as well as the giants such as Spode, Wedgwood, Adams, clustered in the towns of Burslem, Cobridge, Fenton, Longton, Stoke and Tunstall, now incorporated in the present day town of Stoke-on-Trent. England's Industrial Revolution coincided almost exactly with the start of Queen Victoria's reign in 1837, creating wealth from industry. The new middle classes were eager to emulate their betters by decorating their homes with objects similar to costly Meissen and Chelsea figures, and Staffordshire potters obliged by turning out painted and glazed pottery greyhounds, houses, sheep, dogs, cattle and more exotic animals such as zebras and elephants. Figures of gods and goddesses, examples drawn from literature, famous political and military men and above all, representations of royalty, all found homes in England and America. A...

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