

**SA806335**

## Antique Gilt Bronze & Samson Porcelain Centrepiece 19th Century

Price

**GBP 1,150**

| USD \$1,568 | EUR 1,342

**Item Reference: SA806335**

**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 18 cm (7.1")

Width = 26 cm (10.2")

Depth = 26 cm (10.2")

## Description

This is a fine antique French Samson porcelain centrepiece, Circa 1860 in date. The octagonal shaped centrepiece features a colourful relief body decorated with flower sprays and a Chinese dragon. It is raised on a heavy set pierced and scrolled ormolu Rococo leaf work base with a matching rim. The base bears a blue painted makers mark for Samson.. This item is of superb quality, is incredibly rare, and will instantly enhance any room. Condition: In really excellent original condition, please see photos for confirmation. Dimensions in cm: Height 18 x Width 26 x Depth 26 Dimensions in inches: Height 7 inches x Width 10 inches x Depth 10 inches Ormolu - (from French 'or moulu', signifying ground or pounded gold) is an 18th-century English term for applying finely ground, high-carat gold in a mercury amalgam to an object of bronze. The mercury is driven off in a kiln leaving behind a gold-coloured veneer known as 'gilt bronze'. The manufacture of true ormolu employs a process known as mercury-gilding or fire-gilding, in which a solution of nitrate of mercury is applied to a piece of copper, brass, or bronze, followed by the application of an amalgam of go...

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