

SA814839

Early C19th Regency period
papier-mâché lacquered oval
tray by Clay.

Price

GBP 1,700

| USD \$2,296 | EUR 1,988

Item Reference: SA814839

Date of manufacture: Regency

Dimensions

Height = 47 cm (18.5")

Width = 65 cm (25.6")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

Early C19th Regency period papier-mâché lacquered oval tray by Clay . Superbly decorated fantastical Chinoiserie oval tray fitted with original distinctive pattern gilt-bronze carrying handles. The black lacquer ground decorated with gilded landscape and pagoda scenes . The reverse stamped with the crowned mark for Clay of Birmingham and London "CLAY PATENT" . *The renowned firm of Henry Clay established in Birmingham , patented a process for treating laminated sheets of paper with linseed oil to produce waterproof panels in 1772 . Clay produced items ranging from caddies , knife boxes and trays to small pieces of furniture . The company moved to London and established workshops in King Street, Covent Garden , enjoying patronage from a rich clientele which included the Royal family and in particular The Prince of Wales . In excellent original condition, with only one minor historic crack to the lower rim raised edge . The surface with only minor 'crackulature ' or crazing , commensurate with age . The gilding in excellent condition. H 19" W 26" D 2" England c.1810

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