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LARGE VIENNA STYLE PORCELAIN TRAY IN GILDED FRAME WITH PORCELAIN MEDALLIONS - PAINTED BY JOHNER - 19th CENTURY

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA962049****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 5 cm (2.0")

Width = 75 cm (29.5")

Depth = 60 cm (23.6")

Description

Here is a superb late 19th Century Vienna `style porcelain tray hand painted with six young women, set in a gilt frame inset with four porcelain plaques each containing a portrait of a young woman, surrounded by a further ten small porcelain medallions with gilded birds and flowers. The frame is gilded wood with gilt gesso mouding, and gilded metal foliate decoration. The porcelain painting is signed by the artist Johner, and on the underside of the tray is the title of the piece - 'Fruhlingsreigen' which is loosely translated as 'Spring Dance' - the girls depicted in diaphanous dresses, enjoying an early spring garden filled with pastel flowers, light and promise. Interestingly Christies sold a matching piece on a Gueridon in 2013 - also by the artist Johner (entitled 'Herstrigen') with the same girls - this time holding fruits and berries, painted in autumnal hues which makes me think that there were likely four - one for each season. On the reverse of the tray are four marks / inscriptions - 'Fruhlingsreigen', 'Made in Vienna' underneath a monogram, a Blue Beehive, The initials RP with the number 1124 that is a possible museum accession code. The piece i...

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