

SA976472

Early Derby figure group of «Two Bacchantes adorning a bust of Pan»

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA976472****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 28 cm (11.0")

Description

CIRCA 1765, INCISED NO 196, ADAPTED FROM AN ENGRAVING BY FRANCESCO BARTOLOZZI AFTER ANGELICA KAUFFMANN. Figure group of 'Two Bacchantes adorning Pan', of soft-paste porcelain. One of the Bacchantes on the left, stands in a graceful attitude with her right arm raised above her head, and her right leg stretched behind her. The other on the right, is kneeling on her left knee with her left arm raised. They are binding with chains of flowers a terminal figure of Pan standing on a pedestal with a tree behind it. The whole is set on a thick irregular base strewn with leaves and flowers and also a jug, a tambourine and a thyrsus. "Patch marks" on the base. Extremely rare! Cf. Peter Bradshaw, *Derby Porcelain Figures 1750-1848*, 1990, pp. 297-298, no. 196. A similar figurine is in the British Museum collection, inventory number 1936.0715.119.CR. This figurine appears to be part of a unique collection of porcelain Derby figurines, which has been meticulously gathered over many years. The Derby Porcelain factory has its roots in the late 1740s, when Andrew Planché, a Walloon Huguenot refugee, started making simple porcelain toys shaped like animals in his back yard. In 1756 Staff...

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