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Chelsea Derby rare figure of
Hercules wearing the pelt of
the Nemean lion ?1775

Price

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Item Reference: SA976476

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 10 cm (3.9")

Description

A CHELSEA -DERBY VERY RARE PORCELAIN FIGURE OF A PUTTI DRESSED AS YOUNG HERCULES figured wearing the skin of the Nemean lion, INCISED NOS. 64 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 Staffordshire enameller William Duysbury and banker John Heath started a new porcelain factory with Planché and this was to grow out to the largest factory of its time, buying up the bankrupted Chelsea and Bow factories, as well as the stock of several other workshops including that of James Giles. The combination of various traditions, porcelain making skills and sophisticated clients enabled Duysbury to create one of the best porcelain factories of the 18th and 19th Centuries, which after many ups and downs is still operative today. The reputation of the factory's output was at its 18th century peak and in self-published advertising material, the "Derby Porcelain Manufactory" was proclaiming itself to b...

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