

SA977027

Antique Solid Silver Gilt Cup & Saucer with Fine Engravings - c.1880

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA977027****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Description

We are delighted to offer this magnificent solid silver gilt cup and saucer made c.1880s, possibly French. Both pieces are unmarked leaving us only with clues such as their shape and engraved decorations to deduce their age and origin, however, we have acid tested both pieces for solid silver content. Evident upon first glance, this set is of the most extravagant and luxurious order, with no component left unembellished nor 'plain'. The cup presents a stylish flared shape at the top with a supporting pedestal foot. Particularly noteworthy is the handle that is most elegantly shaped in a Rococo-like style with asymmetric scrolls and curves. The supporting saucer also matches the cup with very finely engraved floral and foliate motifs that are decorated on top of guilloché/engine-turned motifs. A fluted line runs from the bottom half to the matching grooves in the saucer that adds contrast and an additional angle that light can reflect off. Needless to say, the entirety is fully gilt (gold over silver) which not only gives the magnificent gold tone but protects the silver from tarnishing. Furthermore, this beaker presents a central hand-chased cartouche with a cr...

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