

SA981411

18th Century Antique Ludwigsburg Porcelain Figurine: Lady and Cavalier with an Album

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA981411****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 16 cm (6.3")

Width = 14 cm (5.5")

Depth = 11 cm (4.3")

Description

This exquisite antique porcelain figurine, featuring a lady and a cavalier holding an album, hails from the renowned Ludwigsburg-Württemberg Royal Porcelain Factory in Germany. Crafted with remarkable attention to detail, the faces and costumes of the figures are intricately rendered. The attire depicted corresponds to the period of production—the 18th century. In 1729 Elias Vater, manufacturer of mirrors and glass products, offered Duke Eberhard Ludwig the idea of own porcelain factory, which was turned down as it simply seemed absurd at that time. The succeeding Duke Carl Alexander later heard from the idea and in 1736 ordered that 2000 Gulden were to be set aside as funds for experiments under Johann Philipp Weißbrodt. Initial experiments failed and further research had to be aborted after the Duke had passed away. Carl Alexander was succeeded by his son, Duke Carl Eugen, who in 1751 passed a decree which allowed the Calwer Handelscompagnie von Zahn und Dörtenbach to restart research with full access to the previously filed records. This privilege was in 1857 transferred to Bonifatius Christoph Häcker; both however failed due to technical setbacks and insufficient fu...

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