

SA991298

Antique Large (47cm) Georgian Solid Silver Irish Salver / Tray with Beautiful High Lion Feet - Robert W Smith 1831

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA991298****Date of manufacture: Georgian**

Dimensions

Height = 5.5 cm (2.2")

Width = 47 cm (18.5")

Depth = 47 cm (18.5")

Description

We are delighted to offer this magnificent Georgian solid silver Irish tray/footed salver with the marks of Robert W Smith, Dublin 1831. This salver presents an array of exemplary and absolutely delightful features, distinctly Irish and profusely chased. Perhaps the most distinct and distinguishing feature from counterpart footed salvers is that Irish Georgian salvers tend to have a higher raised platform with larger and elevated feet. Such design choice not only highlights the majesticness of the salver's surface but also allows for further ornamentation of lion feet & acanthus leaves on each foot - a costly, time-consuming and skilful endeavour which represents not only the impressive craftsmanship of the silversmiths but also the status and wealth of the owner of such silverware. Furthermore, the surface of the salver proudly displays ornate floral chasing that is distinctly Irish (a very crisp and contrasted appearance) yet retains intricacy throughout each motif. The cast border presents a wonderful wreath of high-relief floral and foliate scrolls, connected to a slanted 'pie-crust' edge. A marvellous design that is perhaps less apparent at first glance is...

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