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An 18th century porcelain statuette from Derby symbolising Europe, from a set consisting of four continents.

Price

GBP 1,300

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Item Reference: SA996955

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 25 cm (9.8")

Description

The inscription 'Europe' in gold on the front of the base. The draped figure stands on a stucco Rocaille base decorated in gilt, the scrolls on the obverse contain the name of the continent written in gilt, 'Europe' in a crown, with an orb in the right hand, the left hand raised. Traces of patches on base. Soft-paste porcelain Circle: 1765-70. Height: 25 cm. Weight 677 grams. See similar specimen in the Fitzwilliam Museum; Condition: Cross in the left part is broken off, small enamel losses at the back 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 Duesbury to create one of the best porcelain factories of the 18th and 19th Centuries, whic...

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