Derby Porcelain Figurine Of Shepherd With Pipe, 1760



400 EUR

Signature : Derby

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Porcelain

Description

An antique Derby figurine of a shepherd with a pipe, crafted from soft-paste porcelain, painted in enamels, and lightly gilded. This shepherd motif was highly popular among all the renowned porcelain manufacturers of the time and was frequently reproduced by Derby. The color palette varied, the shapes of the figures were modified, and paired figures were produced. This style of figurine was initially designed by the famous German sculptor Johann Joachim Kändler in the mid-18th century.
Three "patch marks" on the base correspond with the time of manufacture.
The Derby Porcelain Factory, established in Derby, England in the late 1740s, became one of the most esteemed English porcelain manufacturers of its era. Its "patch period,"

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roughly spanning the 1750s and 1760s, is named after the distinctive "patch marks" found on the bases of figures, used to conceal supports during firing. During this period, the factory produced highly sought-after figurines, particularly of pastoral scenes and characters from the popular Commedia dell'arte. These pieces were known for their exceptional detail, vivid colors, and lively expressions, often rivaling the quality of the finest German (Meissen) and Sèvres porcelains. The patch period remains a celebrated phase in Derby's history, representing both the peak of craftsmanship and a unique collectible category for enthusiasts of English ceramics.
Dimensions: Height 17.5 cm, width 9 cm, depth 9 cm, weight 336 grams.
Condition: Some paint loss on the hands. While UV light does not reveal any signs of restoration, close inspection with a magnifying glass shows paint loss on the inner parts of the hands. Otherwise, excellent antique condition.
Please study the accompanying photographs carefully as they form an integral part of this description. The item will be shipped with full tracking and insurance. Please note that shipping costs include labor, packaging, and postage.