Deceptive Pitcher Nevers Earthenware Blue Camaïeu Galante Shepherdess Scene 18th Century



750 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Diameter : au col 8,5 cm diamètre au cul 7,5 cm

Height : 16 cm

Description

Deceptive pitcher* called a surprise pot in Nevers earthenware with blue monochrome decoration of figures in a bucolic scene: a gallant scene with a couple in the center, a shepherdess and a shepherd with their flock of sheep, as well as a dog running in the landscape, openwork upper part, from the 18th century. This pitcher is in good general condition. Please note: some chips on the neck, on the small neck and on the edge of the foot, enamel defects, wear and tear, see photos.

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* The deceptive pitcher, also called a surprise pot, is openwork making it appear impossible to empty it. You can only drink by sucking through one of the small horizontal necks located on the hollow bead that forms the edge of the upper

Dealer

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opening. This communicates through the handle, also hollow with the body of the container. The deceptive pots generally have a globular belly mounted on a more or less marked pedestal, a cylindrical or slightly truncated neck and a curved handle. Use: The object is used to surprise and entertain because the "victim" will be disconcerted when the contents of the pitcher spill next to his glass. Then the distraction continues with the discovery of the "trick" which will allow the contents to be drunk without spilling it. The "victim" will easily find the hole at the bottom of the belly, which corresponds to the lower attachment of the hollow handle. And will naturally think of emptying the pitcher by sucking through one of the necks. After several attempts, the discouraged victim will be revealed the last secret of the pitcher. It will be enough to block the small hole discreetly placed under the upper part of the handle that the user himself hid while holding the pot. (See Notice from the Museum of the Hospice Comtesse de Lille) Dimensions Diameter at the neck 8.5 cm Diameter at the base 7.5 cm Height 16 cm Reference: 500 905 All the photos are on: www.antiques-delaval.com