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18th Cty Nevers Earthenware Plate, Hot Air Balloon With "fallen Hat"



380 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Earthenware

Diameter : 23cm

Description

LATE 18th CENTURY NEVERS
EARTHENWARE PLATE Decor featuring
Montgolfière with 'Fallen Hat' The entire of
Europe late 18th century was thrilled by the first
attempts at 'ballooning'. Numerous engravings
and paintings, chandeliers shaped like hot air
balloons, marquetry decorations, and artworks...
In short, a true historical event that sparked
curiosity and taste beyond the scientific
achievement itself. Ceramicists of Nevers
factories also took hold of this subject to create
numerous earthenware plates illustrating this
historical event and astonishing scientific
progress. In this particular decor, one of the two
pilots of the airship loses his hat during the flight,
which is represented as a black triangle centered
with a yellow dot, oversized to create (clumsily!)

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a perspective of distance. The interest in these popular Nivernais ceramics late 18th century is often not so much their quality of manufacturing, but rather the comical way in which decorators interpreted these fashionable subjects. For example, on this specimen in perfect condition, without any chips, cracks, or restorations, it should be noted that there is a defect in the original glaze contraction to the right of the hot air balloon. In contrast, the colors of the high fire are very bright and successful. Dimensions: 23 cm in diameter. Its previous collector had added several annotations related to this decoration on the back, partially erased, but from which one can read: 'No. 83... 22.12.02... Paris Montgolfier Rouen Champfleury 340 or 349 Mareschal prior to 1789 engraving': The inventory number and the date certainly refer to an auction reference, purchase date, and/or collection number; Champfleury 1821-1889 was a historian and collector of ancient faïences, notably patriotic faïences during French Revolution; the mention of Rouen, if it was an attribution, is incorrect. The dating seems relevant. <https://www.montgolfieres-cie.com/histoire-de-la-montgolfiere/>