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## Inkstand In Silver And Rock Crystal



8 000 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Length : 20

Width : 24

Height : 25

### Description

Attributed to Christian Benjamin Jeseric (active in Kassel, ca. 1720-1760) Court of Hesse-Kassel, ca. 1735-1745 Cast, chased and repoussé silver; carved and mounted rock crystal; internal gilding Dimensions: approx. 25 × 30 × 18 cm An exceptional silver and rock crystal inkstand, conceived as a theatrical and symbolic desk piece. The shaped base with scrolling rocaille motifs supports a gilded tray for pens or sand, two hemispherical inkwells in mounted rock crystal, and a central inkwell surmounted by an allegorical group. At the centre, a bearded triton holds a small vessel and a crystal sphere, alluding to dominion over marine and cosmic forces. The lid is topped by a mythological rider on a winged sea horse, surrounded by volutes, shells and fantastical creatures. The mountings are rich with

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winged heads, grotesques and symbolic ornaments. The quality, materials and iconography support an attribution to Christian Benjamin Jeseric, one of the foremost goldsmiths active at the Hesse-Kassel court under Wilhelm VIII, renowned for luxurious objects combining silver mounts with rock crystal, often intended for cabinets of curiosities. A masterwork of German Baroque decorative arts.