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Antique Staffordshire Bust Of William Shakespeare, C.1800

500 EUR

Signature : Staffordshire

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Ceramic

Description

Early 19th-century Staffordshire bust of William Shakespeare, modeled in glazed earthenware and painted in a typical Regency
palette. The figure wears a yellow waistcoat with gilded buttons and a plum
cloak, and is mounted on a marbleized socle base with uniform surface
craquelure.

The bust follows the features of the renowned Chandos portrait, the most
widely accepted likeness of Shakespeare, attributed to John Taylor and believed
to have been painted from life around 1610. This iconic image became a model
for ceramic and sculptural representations of the

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playwright throughout the Georgian
and Victorian
periods.
This piece dates to around 1800 -- one of the
earliest recorded
productions of ceramic busts in this form. Its
rarity lies in the fact that
later versions, particularly between 1850 and
1890, were made in large numbers
by various manufacturers. Early versions such as
this are seldom
encountered.

Comparable examples are held in
UK regional museum collections and sometimes
surface on the market, though
increasingly rare in early editions.

This is a collectible example of early
English portraiture in ceramic form, with both
decorative appeal and strong
historical interest.
Condition: minor enamel chip on the lower right
of the
cloak, small chip to the underside of the base,
stable glaze crackling
throughout, and general surface wear consistent
with age. Structurally sound
and visually strong.
Dimensions: height 22.5 cm, width 17 cm, depth
8.5 cm.
Weight: 770 grams.
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carefully as they form an integral part of this
description. If you have any
questions, we will be happy to answer them. The
item will be shipped with full
tracking and insurance.