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Samson Paris Porcelain Figure, Gallant With Hurdy-gurdy, C.1880



450 EUR

Signature : Samson

Period : 19th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Porcelain

Description

A well-modelled French porcelain figure attributed to
Samson, Paris, c.1880, in the Dresden style. The standing gallant plays a
hurdy-gurdy; rococo scroll base with stump support and tricorn hat. Dense white
body, glossy glaze and bouquet-sprig painting point to Samson's Paris
production. The hurdy-gurdy motif--rooted in rococo and the commedia
dell'arte--was revived by late-19th-century Paris workshops and turned into a
salon subject. In mid-18th-century France the instrument came into fashion
among the aristocracy; composers including Vivaldi wrote for it. Comparable
porcelain figures and groups are documented in

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museum and auction publications.
Marks: spurious underglaze blue mark to the underside
(typical Paris pseudo-mark, not Meissen).
Condition: excellent antique state; no restoration, breaks or losses; minute gilt wear at cuffs only. Instrument intact.
Dimensions:
Weight 552 g; Height 22.5 cm; Width 9 cm; Depth 10 cm
Please study the accompanying photographs 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