



Silver Planter With Salt Shakers, Wiskemann, Belgium (1890-1910)



320 EUR

Signature : Wiskemann

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Length : 27,50cm

Width : 18,50cm

Height : 16,00cm

Description

Beautiful silver-plated jardinière on an openwork stand in the Louis XVI style with two salt cellars and their matching spoons. This elegant jardinière was crafted from silver-plated metal with a deep cobalt blue glass insert. The rectangular frame rests on four elegantly curved feet that terminate in lion's paws and are topped with refined grotesques. These motifs, borrowed from classical antiquity, enjoyed a revival in popularity during the Napoleon III period (1850-1870). The set is richly decorated with classical ornaments, including garlands, acanthus leaves, and a central knot, characteristic of the Louis XVI style. These jardinières were often used as table centerpieces. The silver-plated salt cellars and their spoons, made in the same style, formed a harmonious ensemble. This refined table decoration reflects

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the luxurious style of the bourgeoisie on the eve of the First World War. About the maker: The Wiskemann silversmiths were founded in 1872 in Brussels by Otto-Léonard Wiskeman. The company specialized in the production of silvery white metal for the hotel and maritime sectors. He introduced the electrolytic process to Belgium, which gave it a competitive advantage over its main competitors. The company also innovated in the field of raw materials and produced articles in refined white metal, which received the name Wiskemann metal, as its use was exclusive to this company. In 1924, Wiskemann was the first company in the world to market tableware and cutlery made of 18/8 stainless steel. Condition: These items are in good condition and show no visible signs of deterioration