Rare Derby Porcelain Candlestick Figures "ranelagh Dancers" -- Complete Georgian Pair With Sconc



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Signature : Derby
Period : 18th century
Condition : Très bon état
Material : Porcelain
Length : 12 cm
Width : 17 cm
Height : 27.2 cm

Description

A refined and well-documented pair of Derby candlestick figures known as the Ranelagh Dancers (Bradshaw, Derby Porcelain Figures 1750-1848, E17, pp. 97-98, fig. 75). Modelled as a fashionable couple in theatrical dress, produced in variants between 1759 and 1769 following the famed masquerade at Ranelagh Gardens (24 May 1759). Derby created only this single paired subject in response, and it was not repeated.
The British Museum holds only the female figure from this pair. That example lacks the flower-shaped candle sconce. By contrast, the present pair survives complete, retaining both sconces and the original mirror-image compositions--an exceptional level of preservation.
Measurements

Dealer

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Male: Height 27.2 cm · Width 17 cm · Depth 12 cm · Weight 1,439 g
Female: Height 28.5 cm · Width 18 cm · Depth 13 cm · Weight 1,487 g

Condition

Excellent antique condition overall, presenting beautifully. Male: upper candle socket long ago pinned to the branch; tiny chip to hat feathers; minor fritting and minute bocage losses; fine firing line on yellow cloak fold. Female: branch re-joined with an old metal fitting; chip to hat bow; a few frit points and pin-size firing lines; slight roughness to left palm. No visible cracks, overpaint or restoration under UV. A rare, well-preserved 18th-century pair.

Shipping & Packaging

Fully tracked and insured delivery.
Professional, secure packaging.
Carefully packed using recycled materials where possible.
Please study all photographs as they form part of the description. Questions are welcome.