



Derby Porcelain Figure "James Quin As Sir John Falstaff", England, C.1775-1780



500 EUR

Signature : Derby

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Ceramic

Length : 9.5 cm

Width : 12.5 cm

Height : 21.5 cm

Description

A finely modelled and brightly enamelled Derby porcelain figure depicting the actor James Quin in the role of Sir John Falstaff, after Francis Hayman's composition engraved by James McArdell (c.1760). Quin, known for his grand delivery and comic timing, first performed Falstaff at Drury Lane Theatre in 1742, establishing the archetype for the role.

The figure shows Falstaff with sword and gilded shield, wearing a multi-coloured striped doublet, pink breeches, and green-lined cloak, all raised on a scroll-moulded base with floral embellishment.

A small paper "bill" tucked in his belt references the character's debts and tavern escapades.

Marked underneath with impressed 291 and painter's mark No 5.

Referenced in Peter Bradshaw, Derby Porcelain

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Figures 1750-1848 (1990). Comparable pieces are housed in the British Museum and V&A, London.

Measurements

- o Height: 21.5 cm / 8.46''
- o Width: 12.5 cm / 4.92''
- o Depth: 9.5 cm / 3.74''
- o Weight: 570 g

Condition

Partial gilt wear to shield; fine hairline along the sword; small chip to the hat feather. Otherwise excellent antique condition, verified under UV -- no restoration detected.

Shipping & Packaging

Fully tracked and insured delivery.

Shipping cost includes professional packaging, careful handling, and secure postage.

Carefully packed using recycled materials where possible.

Please study all photographs as they form part of the description.

Questions are welcome.