



## Pair Of Silver Spice Jugs - Mathieu Guillaume, Liège, Circa 1785-1790

3 500 EUR

Signature : Mathieu Guillaume

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Height : 17 cm



### Description

Elegant pair of silver spice casters (or sugar shakers) by the Liège silversmith Mathieu Guillaume, active circa 1753-1790.

Each finely hammered and repoussé vessel features richly modelled acanthus leaves and rococo scrolls, topped with an openwork lid surmounted by a rooster finial - the heraldic emblem of Liège.

The bodies are delicately engraved in pointillé with bird motifs - a swan, a peacock, and a rooster - evoking purity, vigilance, and grace, typical of the refined Liège silverwork of the late eighteenth century.

Both bear the Liège city mark (lion in a shield, under Prince-Bishop de Hoensbroeck, 1784-1792) together with the maker's mark "M G" for Mathieu Guillaume.

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Superb condition, no repairs, fine patina and perfectly fitting lids.

Comparable examples are held in the Musée Curtius, Liège (inv. L.1788.23 and L.1790.11).

Height: 17 cm

Combined weight: 380 g

Silver fineness: approx. 800/1000

Period: late 18th century (c.1785-1790)

Origin: workshop of Mathieu Guillaume, Liège

A rare and museum-quality pair, exemplifying the elegance of late rococo Liège silverwork.