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Set Of 3 William IV Period Painted Toleware Shop Tea Canisters



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Painted metal

Width : 25

Height : 41

Depth : 21

Description

A Set of Three Exceptional 19th-Century Toleware Shop Tea CanistersA superb and very decorative set of three 19th-century William IV period English toleware tea canisters, originally used in grocers' shops to store and display tea. Each canister is of classic rectangular shop form and retains its original domed lid. The fronts are beautifully hand painted with richly detailed Chinoiserie scenes and portraits, framed within ornate gilt borders. The deep green Japanese ground contrasts wonderfully with the strong colors and gilding, giving the canisters great presence and visual impact. The painted surfaces have developed a lovely, untouched patina, with wear commensurate with age, and remain in very good original condition throughout. Toleware refers to painted and often Japanese metalware,

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and these canisters are typical of the high quality production associated with Pontypool and the Midlands in the 18th and 19th centuries. The finely painted gilt figures, engaged in trade and domestic scenes, reflect the period fascination with the exoticism of the Far East.Both highly decorative and historically interesting, this set would make a striking display in a kitchen, pantry, shop interior or collection of treen and related metalware, a rare opportunity to acquire three matching canisters with such strong color, character and charm. I have acquired two matching sets of three canisters, which may be purchased individually as sets of three or together as a highly impressive group of six for a larger display.