



Royal Worcester Japanese Figures Pair By Hadley C.1870



12 000 EUR

Signature : Royal Worcester

Period : 19th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Ceramic

Height : 42 cm

Description

An exceptional pair of Parian porcelain figures by Royal Worcester, modelled by James Hadley in the early 1870s. Representing a Japanese gentleman and lady with pedestal stands and vases, executed in ivory-toned Parian with metallic enamels and gilding.

Reflecting the influence of Japanese art after 1853 and the development of Japonisme in Europe.

Documented examples in museum collections and exhibition at Vienna 1873 highlight the importance of the model. Complete pairs are rarely found.

The modelling is of high quality, with refined detail and strong presence. Custom bases are part of the set.

While resembling carved ivory color, the

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polychrome versions were those selected for exhibition.

Hadley's figures were produced in a range of colour schemes, which today adds an additional layer of desirability for collectors, as certain variants are markedly rarer. The most commonly encountered finish is the so-called "ivory" tone, more precisely referred to as blush ivory, alongside plain white Parian examples, green and gilt combinations, shot enamel finishes, and monochrome versions in various tones. Fully polychrome examples, such as the present pair, required significantly greater labour in both painting and firing, and were therefore produced in smaller numbers, making them among the most sought-after variants.

Each figure bears correct Worcester marks.

A rare and collectible pair with strong appeal.

Measurements

Male: height 42 cm (46 cm with base) / 16.5''
(18.1'')

Female: height 40 cm (44 cm with base) / 15.7''
(17.3'')

Condition

Fantastic museum-level condition. Minimal wear to gilding on the table surface of the male figure; otherwise no issues.

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

Questions are welcome.