



Early 18th-century Silver And Rock Crystal 'monstrance' Scent Bottle



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Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Height : 12 cm

Description

A rare, early 18th-century, circa 1720, South German/Bavarian, silver and rock crystal scent bottle in the form of a monstrance, richly embellished with caryatids, winged figures, mythical creatures, and lions for feet, the finial of a man (Hercules?) fighting a lion, with large rock crystal cabochons front and back, and a faceted rock crystal stem and foot. 12 cm high. Looking through the rock crystal cabochons reveals whatever is behind the bottle as miniaturised and upside-down. Condition: Missing stopper. Silver tarnished (could be cleaned with some silver dip if desired), a small chip to the faceted stem, Misaligned feet (the silver foot has two separate components, one with a silver collar around the stem, with arches/buttresses that are intended to sit on the back of the heads of the lions of the

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other part, but have slipped, giving the bottle a slight tilt. This could be corrected by loosening the square nut under the base, repositioning the arches and then retightening the nut, which would be a fiddly and delicate task, best carried out by a jeweller.)References: For a very similar bottle, see:Launert. E. (1974) Scent and Scent Bottles. Barrie and Jenkins Ltd. p.128. Fig. 153.Launert. E. (1987) Perfume and Pomanders. Potterton Books Ltd. Second edition. P.126. Fig 119.Shipping: Free to UK, EU, Canada, Australia, Asia, USA, and most other destinations. Please note that any import charges/sales tax are the buyer's responsibility. Please note that for sales to the USA, state sales tax may be charged in advance.