



Wedgwood Jasperware Perfume Bottle With Silver Mount



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Silver metal

Diameter : 5cm

Height : 7cm

Depth : 2cm

Description

Wedgwood jasperware perfume bottle with silver screw cap, blue decoration and white jasper reliefs, of flattened circular form, threaded neck adorned with a scalloped fan-shaped collar; medallions depicting portraits in relief on each side: on the obverse, right profile bust of the Marquis de Lafayette; on the reverse, left profile bust of Jean Sylvain Bailly; each portrait is framed by a frieze in relief of rose garlands and pegs. Biographies of the people depicted on the perfume bottle. Jean Sylvain Bailly was born in 1736 and was interested in art, literature and astronomy. During the French Revolution, he was president of the National Assembly and mayor of Paris. Maintaining his royalist sympathies, he was finally arrested and guillotined in 1793. The Marquis de Lafayette was born in 1757; he

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entered the army and, in 1777, left for America to help the colonists. George Washington gave him command of a division, with the mission of defending Virginia. He then returned to France, where he helped form the National Guard. His last visit to America was in 1824, when the U.S. Congress granted him \$200,000 (equivalent to just over \$6 million today). He died in Paris in 1835. The portrait of Lafayette comes from a medal entitled "Lafayette, defender of liberty in two worlds", created in 1789 by the engraver Pierre-Simon-Benjamin Duvivier. Josiah Wedgwood used this type of image to conquer the French market. A similar bottle is preserved in a British museum (reference: 1887,0307,I.745). Please visit our website orchardantiques.com