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Embossed Antique Brescia Silver Vase



750 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Diameter : cm. 14,5

Height : cm.13

Description

Antique Brescian Embossed Silver Vase
Originally the base of a thurible made of embossed, chiseled, and engraved silver. It features a classical, richly decorated architectural design. The upper rim is slightly flared and smooth. Just below runs a central band decorated in relief with a motif of plant and floral scrolls (a central corolla flanked by symmetrical leaves) on a stamped or granulated background. On either side are two handles or attachment elements shaped like winged cherub heads (little angels), which were originally used to secure the suspension chains. The upper band is bordered at the bottom by a rim featuring a braided or twisted motif. The body of the bowl tapers downward and is lavishly decorated with embossed acanthus-leaf scrolls, alternating with stylized geometric or

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floral elements typical of the Baroque or Neoclassical repertoire. The transition to the foot is marked by a short shaft with a knurled molding. The base is circular and flared, decorated at the top by a wreath of stylized foliage or radial pods. The lower rim is flat and smooth. Three hallmarks are found on the rim: the globe with seven trions indicating the second silver fineness (800/000); the spearhead identifying the Brescia Assay Office between 1812 and 1872; and finally, the silversmith's hallmark (unidentifiable). The object displays a beautiful patina with natural oxidation in the recesses of the relief, which enhances its three-dimensionality.