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Puiforcat: Solid Silver Ice Set With Putti And Flowers

3 500 EUR



Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Description

Spectacular solid silver ice cream set by PUIFORCAT in the rare "FLEURS" design. An extremely rare set consisting of 12 ice cream spoons and a serving scoop--a total of 13 pieces--with rocaille-shaped spoon heads in vermeil (gold on silver). The spoon handles feature a putto holding a branch in each hand (the branches intertwined along the stem), with a second putto suspended above, holding a flower stem. There are 6 different flowers (thus 6 sets of 2: rose, poppy, carnation, pansy, daisy, chrysanthemum), and as a grand finale on the serving spoon, the putto holds a sample of all 6 flowers (see photos). On the back of the spatulas is a putto amidst reeds and pebbles, all surmounted by a bird. The set is presented in its original-shaped case made of beige velvet and

Dealer

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Antique French Sterling Silver

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silk, sold by Maison Gervais in
Toulouse. Minerva hallmark (1st Title, .950) and
hallmarks of Master Silversmith Emile
PUIFORCAT (hallmark with the initials "EP" and
a pocket knife from 1857). An extremely rare
model listed in David Allan's reference book, p.
390, which features the finest examples of French
silverwork. This set is so rare that Mr. David
Allan had to settle for reproducing the catalog
page due to a lack of actual pieces. About ten
years ago, we sold a "Service à Fraises" set of this
model, and we now have the opportunity to offer
you the "Service à Glace" Since our dear
photographer was away on vacation, we took the
photos ourselves; they do not quite do justice to
the exceptional quality of this set
Length: / Weight
of the Scoops: 12 cm / 247 gr
Length/Weight of
the Serving Piece: 22.3 / 83.6 g
Total Weight of
the Set: 330.6 grams
Total Weight (with box):
1,370.2 grams