



Pair Of Empire-style Silver Salt Cellars, 1st Hallmark - Jean Auguste Berel



450 EUR

Signature : Jean-Auguste Berel

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Diameter : 7,5 cm

Height : 6 cm

Description

A pair of first-hallmark silver salt cellars with cut glass, a Parisian piece from the Empire period, crafted in the early 19th century. Each salt cellar rests on a silver tripod base, adorned with winged female figures rendered in relief. These figures extend from engraved tubular legs that end in lion's paws. The upper band is accented by a twisted frieze in the neoclassical decorative style characteristic of French silverwork during the Empire period. The mounts hold two cut-glass bowls, the bases of which feature a star-shaped radiating design. The salt cellars bear the Parisian hallmarks for fine silver (950/1000) as well as the master silversmith's mark corresponding to Jean Auguste Berel, a Parisian silversmith. His diamond-shaped hallmark combines the initials J.A.B. with a heraldic rock of the

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chessboard. Jean-Auguste Berel is documented in Paris in the early 19th century, notably at 24 Rue des Fossés-Saint-Germain, with evidence of his activity dating back to the early 1810s. The presence of these hallmarks allows us to date this pair to Paris, circa 1810-1819, while its decoration is fully in keeping with the Empire style. Height: 6 cm Diameter: 7.5 cm Total weight of silver settings (net weight): 148 grs Very good overall condition.