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Royal Worcester, "wind Maidens," A Pair In Parian Porcelain By James Hadley, Circa 1870



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Signature : Royal Worcester

Period : 19th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Ceramic

Width : 12.5 cm

Height : 26.2 cm

Description

An elegant matching pair of two-tone Parian figurines from Royal Worcester, "Before the Wind" and "Against the Wind," sculpted by James Hadley. "Against the Wind" depicts the young woman leaning forward into the wind, while "Before the Wind" stands upright next to a base shaped like a tree trunk. The pale green Parian drapery contrasts with the ivory-white figures. Small stars and fine gold lines highlight the lively folds of the garments; the circular bases, resembling tree trunks, are rimmed with gilding. James Hadley (1837-1903), trained at Kerr & Binns in Worcester, became Royal Worcester's principal sculptor around 1870. The movement of the drapery and the contrasting poses of these two figures illustrate his lively approach to porcelain sculpture. The "Before the

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Wind" model was created around 1862 and "Against the Wind" around 1865; this popular pair was produced over a long period in several finishes. These polychrome versions required more work and were produced in smaller numbers than the standard ivory figures, making them significantly rarer and more sought-after today. Dimensions: "Against the Wind": weight 775 g; height 26.2 cm; width 10.2 cm; depth 12.5 cm. "Before the Wind": weight 741 g; height 28.6 cm; width 10.4 cm; depth 10.4 cm. Condition: "Against the Wind" has a tiny chip on the lower edge of the base. "Before the Wind" has a small chip on the lower edge of the base. Other than that, both figures are in excellent vintage condition. UV examination confirms the absence of restoration or retouching. Please examine the attached photographs carefully, as they are an integral part of this description. If you have any questions, we will be happy to answer them. The item will be shipped with full tracking and insurance.