Limoges Porcelain Planter, Henri Ardant & Cie, With Bisque Putti Decoration - 19th Century



680 EUR

Signature : Henri Ardant

Period : 19th century

Condition : Prévoir restauration

Material : Porcelain

Length : 27.5 cm, intérieur 23.5 cm

Width : 18 cm, intérieur 14 cm

Height : 18 cm, intérieur 12 cm

Description

Rectangular planter with beveled sides, made of Limoges porcelain by the Henri Ardant & Cie manufactory during the second half of the 19th century, the Napoleon III era.It features an elegant polychrome decoration combining a deep blue background, gilded frames, and black borders, in a neoclassical style inspired by 18th-century decorative arts.The front panel is adorned with a large rectangular bas-relief panel in white biscuit porcelain on a celadon background, depicting a scene of putti at play. Several children, depicted in lively poses, are playing around a small cart and small barrels. The delicacy of the modeling, the rendering of the faces, and the variety of poses lend this composition particular artistic merit.The panel is framed by a gilded border with a geometric

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frieze, edged with black lines.The planter rests on four scroll-shaped legs adorned with acanthus leaves, accented with gilding and white, which extend vertically at the corners with black and gilded decorative elements.The interior is entirely glazed white.The Henri Ardant factory, active in Limoges during the second half of the 19th century, was particularly renowned for its artistic porcelain, its shaped pieces, and its bisque-carved decorations.Manufacturer's mark engraved in the clay beneath the base.Period: second half of the 19th century, Napoleon III period, circa 1860-1880Condition: generally in good condition, with some signs of use, soiling, and slight wear to the gilding. One rear foot has a significant crack, with a chip in its lower section, visible in the photographs. A few minor imperfections and signs of wear on the decorative elements are also worth noting.The price, of course, reflects the condition. Ardant pieces are very rare on the market.Shipping: 18 euros within France, 35 euros within the EU, and 100 euros to the rest of the world.