Low-fat Gravy Boat, Christofle Gallia, Art Deco, Silver-plated Metal, Fish



625 EUR

Signature : Inconnu

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Silver metal

Length : 16,5 cm

Width : 8,5 cm

Description

Rare Art Deco fish-shaped sauce boat - Gallia, Christofle, circa 1933A rare and original silver-plated sauce boat depicting a stylized fish, crafted by the Gallia Silverworks of Christofle during the interwar period.The fish's ovoid and generously rounded body forms the bowl, while its elegantly curved caudal fin serves as the handle. The protruding eyes, raised gills, and sleekly lined pectoral fins enliven the polished metal surface. The fish's open mouth serves as the spout.Beyond its sculptural quality, this gravy boat features an ingenious technical detail: an internal partition separates the fat from the cooking juices during serving. The animal-inspired form thus perfectly serves the object's function, illustrating one of the fundamental principles of the decorative arts of

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that era.Gallia Silverware and Art DecoFounded on the eve of the 1900 Paris World's Fair, the Gallia brand served as a true laboratory of artistic creation and technical innovation for Christofle. It enabled the prestigious French manufacturer to profoundly renew the traditional repertoire of silverware and to collaborate with leading artists, including Christian Fjerdingstad, Maurice Dufrène, and Eugène Volynkine.During the 1920s and 1930s, animal-themed designs played a prominent role in the Gallia collections. Notable examples include Christian Fjerdingstad's famous "Swan" sauceboat and the remarkable series of twelve animal-shaped knife holders created in 1928 by Eugène Volynkine.This fish-shaped sauce boat is fully in keeping with this artistic movement, combining the humor, elegant lines, and functionality characteristic of Art Deco.The piece is listed under number 6093 in Christofle's 1933 sales catalog, on page 24. Significantly less common than the famous "Swan" sauceboat, it is a particularly appealing piece for collectors of Art Deco silverware.A sauceboat that looks out for your health!Thanks to its ingenious internal mechanism, this gravy boat separates fat from cooking juices. The juices, being denser, naturally sink to the bottom of the vessel and can thus be poured out through the fish's mouth, while the fat, being lighter, remains on the surface.Purchasing this charming piece of Art Deco silverware could therefore be considered not only an investment in the decorative arts, but also an investment in your health, by helping to limit your fat intake.This may well be the first piece of antique silverware whose purchase would warrant filing a reimbursement claim with your health insurance provider, as part of the fight against cholesterol!Markings: O. GALLIA, manufacturer's hallmark and model number 6093.Material: silver-plated metal.Origin: France, Christofle, Gallia Silverware, circa 1933.Bibliographic reference: Christofle, 1933 sales catalog, page 24, model no. 6093.