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Antique & Contemporary Silver

The Hellenic Bowl by Charles Frederick Hancock

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£75,000



REF: 9212

Height: 300 mm (11.81")

Width: 480 mm (18.9")

Weight: 10.4 kg

Description

Superb antique silver bowl or Champagne cooler of epic proportions. Known as The Hellenic Bowl, the triform lobed bowl was made during the latter part of the 19th century and is a registered piece in the back catalogue of its maker, Hancocks. There is no mention of the purchaser at the time.

Following advice from the Victoria & Albert Museum, we are given to understand that the friezes are based on classical scenes of the Trojan Wars including the capture of Troy by the Greeks. The three curved panels are hand chased in very fine detail and the protruding masks represent Poseidon, Greek god of the sea.* This magnificent bowl rests on three massive lion-paw feet which, in turn, are mounted on a triform base.

* Poseiden was the Olympian god who presided over the sea, storms, earthquakes and horses. He was the protector of seafarers and the guardian of many Hellenic cities and colonies.

Naturally we have filled this magnificent antique cooler with our Champagne of choice - Pol Roger; Sir Winston Churchill's favourite Champagne house.

This massive antique silver Champagne cooler bowl is not available to purchase online. Please contact us if you would like more information or are interested to buy it.