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Antique & Contemporary Silver

10" George II style silver salver
Goldsmiths & Silversmiths Co

Sold



REF: 5371

Diameter: 255 mm (10.04")

Weight: 801 g

Description

Heavy gauge silver salver in a George II style with moulded shaped border and mounted on four cast scroll supports. Since salvers are easy to personalise with engraving, they make excellent gifts or awards.

The serving tray as we know it today is an evolution of the salver, which was a term used in England from the mid-seventeenth century to denote a flat tray without handles, usually made of silver. Some salver designs feature supporting feet - usually three or four.

The word derives from the Latin *salvare* meaning to save. Originally, food or drink intended for royalty would be initially tasted by a servant for signs of poison before it reached the royal top table. By being served on the salver indicated that this process had taken place and the food and drink was now fit for a king.

Salvers later became commonplace in aristocratic and wealthy homes and Samuel Pepys is recorded as an owner of a salver, signifying his high social standing.