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Antique & Contemporary Silver

10" shaped gadroon silver salver

Wakely & Wheeler

Sold



REF: 5130

Height: 25 mm (0.98")

Diameter: 253 mm (9.96")

Weight: 573 g

Description

Classic shaped gadroon pattern 10" silver salver mounted on four ball and claw supports.

The word salver was a term used in England from the mid-seventeenth century to denote a flat tray without handles, usually made of silver. Like this one, 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. Being served on the salver indicated that this process had taken place and the food and drink was now fit for a king.