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Antique & Contemporary Silver

12" silver salver

Henry Atkin & Co

Sold



REF: 2024

Height: 32 mm (1.26")

Diameter: 320 mm (12.6")

Weight: 850 g

Description

12" sterling silver salver with an unusual wavy rim and plain surface that is ideal for engraving a presentation inscription. It is mounted on four scroll feet.

The term salver was 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.