

LANGFORDS

Antique & Contemporary Silver

Georgian style 12" silver salver
Barker Brothers

Sold



REF: 3962

Diameter: 310 mm (12.2")

Weight: 1043 g

Description

This is a classically styled silver salver with a shaped gadroon border in the Georgian style and mounted on four ball and claw 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.

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.