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Antique & Contemporary Silver

Pair of round post-war-modern silver salvers

Mappin & Webb

£5,250



REF: 7716

Height: 45 mm (1.77")

Diameter: 320 mm (12.6")

Weight: 1706 g

Description

This pair of stylish mid-century silver salvers are round with flared rims and an attractive turned edge. Each plain, undecorated silver salver is mounted on three Art Deco style feet with a fluted curved form. They make an ideal pair of display or serving trays.

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. Like this pair, some salver designs featured supporting feet - usually three or four.

The word salver 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.