LANGFORDS Antique & Contemporary Silver

Silver trophy cup & cover

Thomas Of New Bond Street

Sold



REF: 6253

Height: 270 mm (10.63") Width: 300 mm (11.81")

Weight: 1539 g

Description

An Edwardian silver trophy cup and cover recreated in a style made popular in the 1720s at the time of King George I. The stepped circular base and cover are typical of that period.

The word trophy, coined in English in 1550, was derived from the French trophée in 1513 - a prize of war. In ancient Greece, trophies were made on the battlefields while the Romans built magnificent trophies in Rome, including columns and arches and huge stone memorials.

While trophies have marked victories since ancient times, today a trophy is a tangible, durable reminder of a specific achievement, and serves as recognition or evidence of merit. Trophies in the form of silver chalices, or two-handled cups, are popular items presented to winners of sporting events and include some of the world's most famous trophy cups: The FA Cup, Wimbledon Trophy (two-handled cup), Webb Ellis Cup, Ryder Cup and the British Grand Prix Trophy.