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Antique & Contemporary Silver

Two-handed silver trophy cup & cover

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REF: 6541

Height: 420 mm (16.54")

Width: 340 mm (13.39")

Diameter: 200 mm (7.87")

Weight: 2978 g

Description

Impressive silver trophy cup and cover typical of the style made popular during the reign of Queen Anne in the early 1700s. This imposing two-handled silver trophy cup has a spreading, stepped circular base and the stepped, domed cover is surmounted by a thumb-and-bead pattern finial. The trophy sits on its original ebonised plinth fitted with a silver plaque, and both plaque and trophy cup are suitable for engraving.

The height shown is for the cup and plinth. The cup itself is 330mm (13") tall.

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.