Large & impressive George IV sterling silver salver

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Height: 70 mm (2.76")

Diameter: 616 mm (24.25")

Weight: 6.25 kg

Description

A superb quality antique silver salver or charger in the highly decorative rococo style. Made during the reign of George IV, this large silver salver has a cast openwork border finely detailed with both chinoiserie decorations and bacchanalian characters.

The surface is expertly hand chased and hand engraved with sections of lattice, floral work and scrolling foliage that surround the marital arms commemorating the marriage of Colonel The Honourable Frederick Cathcart and Jane McAdam.

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.

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. Some salver designs feature supporting feet - usually three or four.

This large early-19th-century silver salver is not available to purchase online. Please contact us if you would like more information or are interested to buy it.