Oval George III sterling silver serving tray

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Width: 660 mm (25.98")

Depth: 435 mm (17.13")

Weight: 3405 g

Description

This two-handled Georgian antique silver tray is hand engraved with scrolling floral decoration and features a simple thread edge. The engraving is in superb condition with little sign of wear. Like many trays and salvers, this silver tray is raised on four legs and perfect for a tea and coffee service.

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.

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.

This lovely oval silver serving tray is not available to purchase online. Please get in touch if you would like more information or are interested to buy it.

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