Pair antique Adam-style sterling silver salt cellars

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£780



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Height: 75 mm (2.95")

Width: 140 mm (5.51")

Weight: 172 g

Description

Particularly fine pair of antique George III neoclassical silver salt cellars in the neoclassical style popular at the end of the 18th century. The elegant salts are boat-shaped with tapering oval bodies standing on stepped oval pedestal bases. The interiors are gilded and the pair shows no sign of wear. Beneath the rims there is a particularly sharp and fine band of typical bright-cut hand engraving, where the faceted cuts reflect the light off the many prisms created by using a diamond head engraving tool. Each is engraved with a family crest, not yet identified.

Neoclassicism was born in Rome in the mid-18th century before spreading throughout Europe. It is the name given to Western movements in the arts and architecture that draw inspiration from the classical art and culture of Ancient Greece or Rome.

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