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Antique & Contemporary Silver

Antique Aesthetic silver-gilt sugar bowl & cream jug

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£1,540



REF: 9758

Height: 185 mm (7.28")

Width: 156 mm (6.14")

Depth: 115 mm (4.53")

Weight: 436 g

Description

Antique silver-gilt milk or cream jug and sugar bowl in an boat-shaped form. The bodies of each piece are delicately hand engraved with birds and plants in the Aesthetic style. Both pieces have finely applied bead pattern mounts on rims and bases.

"Art for art's sake", was a phrase coined by Theophile Gautier in 1835, and became the slogan for the Aesthetic Movement - a movement that set forth to promote the cult of pure beauty in the arts - dreamlike and wistful. Aesthetic silver design focused on decorative surface detail where the shape of pieces was borrowed from an earlier stylistic era, but now covered in a riot of flowers, plants and birds, featuring decorative motifs from Japan; herons, blossom, bamboo, chrysanthemum and butterflies.

Dimensions given are for the sugar bowl with its handle raised. The cream jug is 6" tall (155 mm).