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12" George II silver salver

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Height: 100 mm (3.94")

Diameter: 305 mm (12.01")

Weight: 939 g

Description

Antique George II 12" silver salver with an attractive and unusual scroll, leaf and shell border that would have been popular in the mid 18th century. This silver tray is mounted on three scroll feet and the plain surface is in excellent and original condition.

The term salver was used in England from the mid-seventeenth century to denote a flat tray without handles, usually made of silver. Like this one, some salver designs feature supporting feet - usually three or four.

The word 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.

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