Large George II style antique sterling silver serving tray

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Width: 675 mm (26.57")

Depth: 515 mm (20.28")

Weight: 6296 g

Description

Large and wonderful quality antique sterling silver tray or salver in the George II Videau style. It is oblong in form with shaped corners and mounted on four bracket feet. In the centre is a decorative cartouche, in the George II style, enclosing a crest of a chained lion's head.

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 large antique sterling silver tray is not available to purchase online. Please get in touch if you would like more information or are interested to buy it.