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Antique & Contemporary Silver

Massive sterling silver trophy cup & cover

Elkington & Co

Sold



REF: 6036

Height: 800 mm (31.5")

Width: 490 mm (19.29")

Diameter: 310 mm (12.2")

Weight: 6468 g

Description

A hugely impressive silver cup and cover in a neo-classical vase form with cast reeded leaf-cap handles. Decorated with bands of acanthus leaf fluting to the body and lid, this cup has a large area for engraving with a competition name or presentation inscription. The lid is surmounted by a cast regal crown.

Elkington & Co. was a silver manufacturer from Birmingham, England. It was founded by George Richards Elkington and his brother, Henry Elkington, in the 1830s. It operated under the name G. R. Elkington & Co. until 1842, when a third partner, Josiah Mason, joined the firm. It operated as Elkington, Mason, & Co. until 1861, when the partnership with Mason was terminated. The firm operated independently as Elkington & Co. from 1861 until 1963. It was then taken over by British Silverware, Ltd. In 1971 British Silverware, Ltd. became a subsidiary of Delta Metal Co. Ltd. Over the course of history, it became very successful and was one of the prime producers of silver plating. Elkington received various royal warrants of appointments, and an Imperial and Royal Warrant of Appointment from the emperor of Austria. One of their most famous pieces is the electrotype copy of the Jerningham Wine Cooler at the Victoria & Albert Museum. One of the most important 19th century Silversmiths finally dissolving in the late 1960s.