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Fine Antique Silver

AN EXTREMELY FINE PAIR OF GEORGE II SECOND COURSE
DISHES MADE IN LONDON IN 1754 BY JOHN JACOBS

£5,500



Description

The Dishes were made in London in 1754 by the very fine silversmith, Jean, also known as John Jacobs. The Dishes have a circular bowl and a raised border, with a shaped gadrooned rim. The border is also engraved with a contemporary Crest and the reverse displays their original engraved scratch weights and two good crisp sets of hallmarks. The Dishes are in excellent condition and are desirable as they just fall into the reign of George II. They are of an exceptional gauge, weight and colour, as would be expected from this silversmith.

The Dishes would have been used on the dining table for cutting and serving meats and fish, as well as vegetables, flans, tarts etc, and the dessert course. A plan is attached from William Henderson's, "First Course for a Dinner Party" circa 1797. This details some of the foods which were served on them at this date.

Jeab Jacob is a scarce, but exceptional, silversmith. He entered his first mark as a large worker on 3rd May, 1734 and had workshops in Heming's Row, near St.Martin's Lane and signed himself as Jean Jacob, denoting his Huguenot descent. By 1739 he had moved to Spur Street, Leicester Fields, where these dishes would have been made. By 1768 he was working in Panton Street, where some of the finest silversmiths were located. In 1738 he married Anne, daughter of Augustine Courtauld, of the very fine and famous silversmithing dynasty. A.G. Grimwade describes him as a "Fine Rank" silversmith, whose mark is found on Rococo baskets, candlesticks and hollow ware for the table.

Diameter: 10.9 inches, 27.25cm.

Weight: 49oz, the pair.