

ROYAL. An important pair of George II Sideboard Dishes made in London in 1759 by Mordecai Fox.

Sold



Description

The Dishes are circular in form with a raised, shaped, rim which is decorated with applied gadrooning. The border is engraved with the Royal Arms as used by King George II, surrounded by a garter containing the motto of the Order of the Garter "Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense". This is all surmounted by the Crown of the Sovereign and flanked by GR for George Rex. The reverse displays a very crisp sets of hallmarks and the dishes are in excellent condition, being of a very good weight and colour. The dishes are of a large size and could be used for serving a variety of things on the dining table, as well as canapes. Due to their large size, when not in use they would have been placed on a sideboard as a status symbol. King George II is shown, in the image stream, in his Coronation Robes. Mordecai Fox was an exceptional silversmith and had workshops in St. Swithin's Lane when this piece was made. His quality of design and production was rewarded as he was appointed subordinate Goldsmith to King George II in 1746 (Major General H.W.D. Sitwell, "The Jewel House and the Royal Goldsmiths' Arch, Journ, CXVIII, p.155). Diameter: 12.75 inches, 31.88 cm. Weight: 86 oz, the pair.