

An important Charles II Acanthus Back Mask Trefid Spoon made in London in 1677 by Adam King

Sold



Description

The spoon is modelled in the Trefid style with a reeded rat tail on the reverse of the bowl, flanked by acanthus foliage. The stem is very well marked and is scratch engraved at the top of the stem with MV over MB over the date 1678. The front of the spoon displays a very unusual mask with beard and beaded headdress. The mask is very unusually surrounded by acanthus foliage, a raying flower head, rosehips and beaded bands. The spoon is in quite excellent condition, with a very good bowl, thick gauge stem and good colour. Length: 7.5 inches. Weight: 2oz

PROVENANCE- The David Constable Collection.- Christie's King Street, London, Centuries of Style, 26th November, 2014, lot 464.- The Runnymede Collection.- J.H. Bourdon-Smith Ltd, Mason's Yard, London.- Edwin Wilfrid Stanyforth, inherited from his great uncle.- The Reverend Thomas Staniforth (1807-87) of Storr's Hall, Windermere. Illustrated and written up in Constable D. "Silver Spoons of Britain 1200-1710", Constable's Publishing, 2016, Volume 2, pages 692-695, entry number 139.