

A very rare pair of George II sAUCEBOATS MADE IN IONDON IN
1743 BY rOBERT bROWN

Sold



Description

These very unusual Sauceboats are of a large form with slightly baluster sides and a shaped rim. Each stands on very unusual bat wing fluted feet, with scroll legs and shell mouldings where they are attached to the main body. The very unusual leaf capped scroll handle displays a serpent entwined around its length and a dogs head moulding where it meets the main body below. This is the first time we have seen this design. The side is engraved with a contemporary Armorial surrounded by a shell detail and foliate spray cartouche. Each is in excellent condition, has a fine colour and is very well marked. The Arms are those of Jonathan Tyers (1702-1787) who became the proprietor of the Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens after signing a thirty year lease on the land in 1728. This was to become a famous place of entertainment in Georgian London and Tyers transformed the gardens into a family friendly venue by installing lights and commissioning new entertainments. The first major event was held on 2nd June, 1732, styled as a Ridotto al Fresco - which was a fancy dress ball held outside. Over 400 people paid the one guinea entrance fee including Frederick Prince of Wales. Tyers country seat was Denbies, near Dorking in Surrey, which he purchased in 1734 and where he installed an unusual Gothic Garden. A painting of Jonathan Tyers, and his family, by Francis Hatman is shown. Work by Robert Brown is scarce. He was apprentice to the famous Huguenot David Tanqueray from 9th July, 1723, which would account for the fine quality and unusual design of the sauceboats. He had workshops in Piccadilly when these fine examples were made. These pieces came from the famous collection of Sauceboats assembled by Jim & Dr Christine Chance, a number of which were bequeathed to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford and which are on display in the museums silver galleries. Length: 7.9 inches, 19.75 cm. Width: 4.25 inches, 10.63 cm. height, to the top of the handle: 5 inches, 12.5 cm. Weight: 28oz, the pair.