

An extremely rare George II Cow Creamer made in London in 1757 by John Schuppe.

Sold



Description

This piece was used for serving cream and is an extremely rare item to find in English Silver. The Creamer is finely modelled in the typical design made in Schuppe's workshops, with hinged cover beautifully chased with various flowers and a finely modelled honey bee, sitting on top. The back is finely chased to simulate a band of the hair and the head is finely detailed with well modelled horns, ears and mouth. This example is in quite excellent condition, is very well marked (displaying an excellent maker's mark) and has a very good colour. The Creamer is made in two sections and then soldered together, the seam showing down the middle. John Schuppe was of Dutch origin working in London, producing mainly cow creamers. He was first mentioned in England on 28th June, 1753, when his name was recorded as a large worker of Little Deans Court, St Martins-le-Grand. He was registered to 6, New Rents in 1755 and must have had workshops there when this particular piece was made. Nothing is known of him after 1773, so we conclude that he must have died at this date. One of his Creamers, dated 1759-60, is in the Collection of the Victoria & Albert Museum, London. The theft of a cow shaped creamer was an element in the comic novel, "The Code of the Woosters" (1938) by P.G. Wodehouse. Length: 5.75 inches, 14.38 cm. Width: 1.6 inches, 4cm. Height, to the top of the head: 3.6 inches, 9cm. Weight: 6oz