

An exceptional pair of William IV Cast Salt Cellars made in London in 1835 by John Tapley.

Sold



Description

These exceptional Salt Cellars stand on a circular stepped base decorated with a band of Classical tied laurel leaves. The baluster main bodies are chased with acanthus leaves and palms and rise to an everted rim decorated with gadrooning interspersed with anthemions and raying shells flanked by acanthus leaves. Each has two bound side handles with acanthus mouldings where they are attached to the main body. The interiors are gilded and the underside displays a very crisp set of hallmarks. They are of an outstanding weight. The quality of design and production is quite exceptional, as would be expected of this silversmith, who was apprentice to Paul Storr. and we are sure that this must have been designed by one of the leading silver designers of the period. The quality of production is exceptional and the weight outstanding. John Tapley was located next to Rundell, Bridge and Rundell in Ludgate Hill, in the shadow of St Paul's Cathedral. We know that he was supplying these Royal retailers, so would have been producing the finest of pieces. Height: 2.3 inches, 5.75 cm. Length, handle to handle: 5 inches, 12.5 cm. Weight: 22oz.