A rare & exceptional George II Rococo Irish Milk Jug made in Dublin Circa 1750 by Samuel Walker.

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Description

The Jug is of typical Irish design and stands on three unusual paw and shell feet which are attached to the main body with unusual smiling lion mask mouldings. The main body is modelled in the Irish interpretation of the "Helmet" form and displays an applied girdle around the centre of the main body. This piece has a shaped rim and a pronounced pouring spout. The main body is chased with crisp Rococo designs including fruit, foliate motifs, shells and scrolls. This example also, unusually, displays three panels containing a swimming duck, eagle and most unusually, an arrangement of shells. The front displays a Rococo shell and scroll cartouche containing a contemporary Lion Rampant Crest, with script initials below. The scroll handle is decorated with reeding at the top and the base is very well marked. The Jug is in excellent condition and has a good colour.

Samuel Walker was from a prolific family of silversmiths and had workshops in Hoeys Court. He was made a Freeman of the Goldsmiths Company in 1752 and died in 1769. This type of jug is illustrated and discussed in "Irish Georgian Silver", by Douglas Bennett.

Height: 4.6 inches, 11.5cm.
Width: 3 inches, 7.5cm
Length, handle to spout: 5.25 inches, 13.13cm.
Weight: 9oz.

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