

British and Continental Ceramics / Thu, 19th November 2020 / Lot 1252



LOT 1252

An Italian maiolica wet drug jar, probably Deruta, 17th century, the ovoid body painted to the front in blue and yellow with grotesques, winged beasts and fauns surrounding a label inscribed 'S.D.ASSENZO', the back painted in blue with leaves surrounding a label inscribed 'S.D.ASSENZO', with bifurcated handle and short spout, height 24.5cm (handle restored). Note: an albarello with similar decoration to this wet drug jar was sold at Sotheby's, 14th December 2004, Lot 2. Provenance: from the collection of the late Professor Maurice Stacey.

Estimate: £200 - £400

Condition Report

The handle is a badly painted made-up replacement, just a little of the original handle terminals remains. A lot of old yellowed glue has dripped down the body around the handle - this would clean off. There are lots of chips and concentrated areas of extensive chipping to the neck rim exterior. An indistinct vertical haircrack is visible mainly to the interior of the neck rim behind the handle.

The tip of the spout is chipped and fritted. There is an approx 2cm square bruise to the body between the spout and the neck where the glaze has been lost. Otherwise the main body is in good condition with a couple of small areas of glaze loss.

The foot edge exterior has two old areas of filling each approx 4cm long with bad repainting. The circumference of the foot otherwise has small chips/fritting to the glaze.

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