

British and Continental Ceramics / Thu, 5th December 2024 / Lot 1604



LOT 1604

A large Meissen porcelain figure group of six gardeners, late 19th century, originally modelled by Acier circa 1769, with a central tree surmounting rockwork surrounded by six figures, including one resting her eyes, another with a bird cage and a third with a bird, the edge of the circular base moulded with overlapping circles and foliate medallions picked out in gilt, crossed swords mark in underglaze blue to base with incised shape No. D93 and impressed '35', height 44cm (faults, losses and restoration).

Estimate: £250 - £350

Condition Report

The main tree trunk is made in two sections and the top half is detached but present - please see the images on our website. The detached section is missing some of its branches with glued repairs to others and losses and chip to its leaves.

Seated figure with bird on hand - old yellowed restoration to his left leg and associated yellowing to his other leg.

Lady with a bird cage - she is broken through the waist and restored back, both arms are restored and therefore there is associated restoration to the corners of the cage she is holding which is also missing its door.

Standing man in blue dotted orange coat - right arm and left hand restored.

Sleeping lady - ok.

Standing figure in blue coat - both arms and hands restored, missing element from left hand, restoration to left side edge of coat, chipping and minor restoration to hat.

Seated girl on top of group - broken through waist and neck and poorly restored with old yellowed restoration, similar yellowed old restoration to both arms and yellow folds of skirt.

Area of old discoloured restoration to base edge of base beneath figure with cage.

Basically all the restoration present is pretty ugly and could no doubt be made to look a lot better.