

19TH CENTURY FRENCH PORQUIER-BEAU QUIMPER HAND-PAINTED FAIENCE CRÊPE DISH

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Crafted in Brittany, France circa 1890, this charming antique faience crêpe dish was produced by the renowned Porquier-Beau pottery in Quimper. The elongated oval dish features gracefully scalloped edges and a distinctive pointed silhouette, traditionally associated with serving Breton crêpes. Its colorful hand-painted decoration reflects the regional costumes and everyday rural life of Brittany during the late 19th century.

The center of the dish depicts a traditional Breton mother wearing a white lace headdress, blue bodice, and long apron, standing beside a young child dressed in regional costume. The mother carries a large woven basket filled with produce, while the child reaches toward its contents. The charming scene is set against a softly painted countryside background with architectural details and delicate foliage. A decorative cobalt blue border embellished with stylized floral and scrolling motifs surrounds the composition, accented by a fine yellow ochre rim.

The dish bears the Porquier-Beau crossed PB mark underneath, along with the inscription "Port-Launay," identifying the Breton locality depicted in the scene. Porquier-Beau was celebrated for its finely detailed regional illustrations and artistic faience produced in Quimper during the second half of the 19th century.

The antique dish is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, retaining its vibrant colors and beautiful glazed finish. Display it on a kitchen shelf, buffet, or tabletop, or use it as a decorative vide-poche for small accessories. A wonderful addition to a collection of French regional pottery.

Dimensions: 13"W x 5.5"D x 2.25"H.

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