

19TH CENTURY FRENCH PORQUIER BEAU QUIMPER HAND PAINTED FAIENCE COMPOTE DISH

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Crafted in Brittany, France, circa 1890, this exquisite antique faience compote dish was created by the renowned Porquier-Beau pottery in Quimper. Combining traditional Breton craftsmanship with an unusual and functional design, the decorative serving dish features an elegant scalloped, clover-shaped bowl raised on a short pedestal base.

The centerpiece is beautifully hand painted with a charming pastoral scene depicting a young Breton woman seated outdoors, sewing beside a basket of linens. The scene is framed by intricate green ivy and scrolling foliage motifs, highlighted with delicate yellow accents. A smaller elevated bowl is incorporated into the design, making this unusual piece ideal for serving dips, sauces, nuts, or other accompaniments alongside crackers, fruit, or appetizers.

The decorative compote is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, retaining its rich hand-painted colors and beautifully glazed finish. The underside bears the Porquier-Beau crossed PB mark, along with the inscription "Fouesnant," referring to a coastal town near Quimper in Brittany.

Porquier-Beau was celebrated during the late 19th century for its finely detailed Breton scenes, regional costumes, and distinctive decorative faience. Today, these colorful pieces are appreciated by collectors of traditional French pottery.

A charming addition to a dining table, kitchen island, or French country buffet, this versatile compote is equally attractive as a decorative collectible or serving piece.

Dimensions: 9.25"W x 9.25"D x 4.5"H.

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