

19TH CENTURY FRENCH PORQUIER-BEAU QUIMPER HAND-PAINTED FAIENCE HORSESHOE VASE

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This charming antique faience vase was crafted by the renowned Porquier-Beau pottery in Quimper, Brittany, circa 1895. Designed in an unusual horseshoe or lyre shape, the decorative ceramic piece showcases the exceptional craftsmanship and colorful hand-painted decoration characteristic of late 19th-century Breton pottery.

The front features a delightful pastoral scene depicting a traditionally dressed Breton woman carrying a basket of fruit, facing a seated gentleman playing a musical instrument. The figures are beautifully rendered in soft shades of blue, green, ochre, and rose against a creamy white background. The reverse is decorated with delicate flowering branches in yellow, white, and green. Both sides are further embellished with intricate green arabesque scrollwork along the upper borders and sides, accented with warm ochre trim.

The antique vase is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, retaining its rich hand-painted colors and attractive glazed finish. The underside bears the distinctive intertwined PB monogram associated with Porquier-Beau, providing further authenticity.

Porquier-Beau was among the most celebrated Quimper faience manufacturers, particularly admired for its artistic pottery featuring traditional Breton costumes, regional landscapes, and elaborate ornamental motifs.

Perfect for displaying small flowers or simply as a decorative accent on a mantel, bookshelf, or console, this unusual horseshoe vase would make a wonderful addition to any French faience collection.

Dimensions: 5.25"W x 2.25"D x 5.5"H.

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