



19TH CENTURY FRENCH SEVRES BRONZE DORE AND HAND PAINTED PORCELAIN JARDINIÈRE

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This refined antique French porcelain centerpiece was produced in the Sèvres tradition, circa 1880, and exemplifies the elegance and technical sophistication of late 19th century French decorative arts. The oval porcelain bowl is finely hand-painted with continuous pastoral scenes inspired by 18th century fêtes galantes, depicting aristocratic figures in landscaped garden settings with architectural elements, flowering trees, and soft atmospheric skies. The scenes are executed in delicate pastel tones with exceptional painterly finesse, framed by a deep cobalt blue ground enriched with intricate gilt scrolling, foliate motifs, and banded borders that enhance the vessel's classical silhouette. The porcelain body is mounted in an elaborate gilt bronze structure of high quality, featuring a pierced gallery rim with scrolling acanthus and foliate ornament. Finely cast rectangular handles are applied at each side, decorated with classical floral rosettes and laurel-inspired detailing. The mounts descend into a sculptural pedestal base, richly chased with acanthus leaves and classical ornament, and raised on a stepped plinth that provides both stability and strong architectural presence. The gilt bronze retains a warm, well-aged patina that contrasts beautifully with the luminous porcelain surface. Created as a luxury table ornament during the Belle Époque, this antique centerpiece would have served as an impressive focal point for a formal dining table, console, or salon display, intended for flowers or fruit. The quality of the painting, the depth of the cobalt ground, and the refinement of the bronze mounts reflect the taste for richly embellished objects produced for affluent French interiors of the period. The centerpiece is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, with vibrant decoration, crisp gilding, and structurally sound mounts throughout. Dimensions: 19.25"W x 15.25"D x 16.5"H