

19TH CENTURY FRENCH SILVER BAPTISM TIMBALE WITH RAISED CROSS, MINERVA MARKING

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This antique French silver timbale was crafted circa 1860 and bears the official tête de Minerve poinçon, confirming solid silver of at least 800 purity. The form is classic and elegant, with a gently flared rim rising from a molded foot detailed with fine reeding, giving the piece a balanced and refined silhouette. The surface is adorned with a raised cross, suggesting its original use as a religious or baptismal vessel, a traditional gift in 19th century France. The interior retains its original vermeil gilding, providing both warmth in tone and practical protection for use. The silver presents a soft, time-earned patina with light surface wear consistent with age and use, enhancing its authentic antique character. Both decorative and symbolic, this piece works beautifully as a small vase, desk accessory, or meaningful display object. Dimensions: 3.25"diameter x 4.25"H

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