

EARLY 20TH CENTURY FRENCH ROUEN HAND-PAINTED FAIENCE SERVING TRAY

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Crafted in Rouen, France circa 1930, this elegant antique faience serving tray showcases the colorful artistry and traditional craftsmanship of French pottery. The rectangular ceramic platter features a beautifully scalloped silhouette with two sculptural side handles formed by intertwined lizards, their heads turned toward one another in a whimsical and unusual decorative detail.

The hand-painted surface is richly embellished with an elaborate central medallion featuring a symmetrical floral motif surrounded by radiating geometric designs. An intricate border of stylized leaves, scrolling foliage, and floral elements frames the composition, creating a striking contrast against the white glazed background. The vibrant palette of deep cobalt blue, golden yellow, and warm rust orange reflects the traditional decorative character of Rouen faience. Small floral medallions and delicate dotted accents complete the elaborate design.

The antique serving tray is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, retaining its brilliant colors and beautifully aged crackled glaze. Both decorative and functional, this distinctive ceramic piece would make an elegant centerpiece on a dining table, kitchen island, or buffet, while also serving as a charming addition to a collection of French faience.

Rouen has been an important center of French faience production since the 17th century, celebrated for its elaborate hand-painted decoration and distinctive polychrome designs inspired by classical and floral ornamentation.

Dimensions: 19"W x 11.25"D.

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