

19TH CENTURY FRENCH HB QUIMPER HAND-PAINTED FAIENCE BRETON SERVING PLATTER

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Crafted in Quimper, Brittany, France circa 1895, this large antique faience serving platter features a beautifully detailed hand-painted scene celebrating traditional Breton life and culture. The oval ceramic platter has an elegant scalloped silhouette and depicts a lively gathering of villagers dressed in colorful regional costumes outside an impressive Gothic church. Two musicians entertain the crowd with traditional instruments, while men, women, and children gather in the picturesque village square.

The elaborate composition is rendered in a rich palette of cobalt blue, yellow, green, burgundy, and soft lavender, with finely detailed architectural elements and figures. The central scene is framed by an intricate border of scrolling foliate motifs in deep blue and black, accented with yellow trim and a dotted outer edge. At the top, the coat of arms of Brittany, featuring traditional ermine symbols beneath a crown, adds an important regional and heraldic detail.

The antique platter is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, retaining its vibrant colors and beautifully glazed finish. Signed HB Quimper on the front and underside, the piece reflects the celebrated craftsmanship of the historic Quimper faience tradition. A hanging device on the back allows for easy wall display.

Founded in 1690 by Jean-Baptiste Bousquet, the HB Quimper pottery became renowned for its hand-painted faience depicting Breton costumes, village celebrations, and regional traditions. This decorative platter would make a wonderful addition to a kitchen, dining room, or French faience collection.

Dimensions: 19"W x 13.75"H.

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