

MID-20TH CENTURY FRENCH HAND PAINTED FAIENCE DISH SIGNED HB QUIMPER

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Serve peanuts or chips in style with this colorful, antique Quimper dish. Sculpted in Brittany, France, circa 1950, the dish features a central sculpted figure of a fisherman wearing traditional Breton attire—navy blue coat, red trousers, and a cap—holding a large blue fish. The dish consists of three scalloped, yellow-glazed compartments with floral motifs and a depiction of a Breton woman in traditional dress, carrying a walking stick. The edges are embellished with a blue border. The piece is both decorative and functional, embodying the rustic charm and folk-art heritage of French faience pottery, commonly associated with the Quimper region of France. The dish is in excellent condition and adorns rich and strong colors in the yellow and blue palette. Stamped on the underside "HB Quimper France" for further authentication. Quimper pottery has a long, impressive history. Tin-glazed, hand painted pottery has been made in Quimper, France since the late seventeenth century. The earliest firm, founded in 1685 by Jean Baptiste Bousquet, was known as HB Quimper. Another firm, founded in 1772 by Francois Eloury, was known as Porquier. The third firm, founded by Guillaume Dumaine in 1778, was known as HR or Henriot Quimper. All three firms made similar pottery decorated with designs of Breton peasants and maritime and flower motifs. The Eloury (Porquier) and Dumaine (Henriot) firms merged in 1913. Bousquet (HB) merged with the others in 1968. The group was sold to a United States family in 1984. More changes followed, and in 2011 Jean-Pierre Le Goff became the owner and the name was changed to Henriot-Quimper. The French firm has been called Societe Nouvelle des Faienceries de Quimper HB Henriot since March 1984. Pottery was made in Quimper when the city was part of the Roman Empire, long before tin-glazed pottery was being made. Measures: 15" W x 15" D x 8" H.

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