

A very rare George II Bachelor Teapot of Inverted Pear Shape form.
Made in London in 1751 by John Pollock.

Sold



Description

The Teapot stands on a circular spreading foot decorated with linear bands. The baluster main body is modelled in the inverted pear shaped form and is chased in the Rococo manner with crisp floral sprays, scrolls, Rococo shell details and scale work. The front, and reverse, of the main body displays a vacant scroll cartouche. The cast scroll spout is decorated with fluting, and shell details, underneath and leaf capping on the top. The fruitwood handle is attached to the main body with plain tubular silver sockets surrounded by raying Rococo shell details. The slightly domed cover is chased with matted shell details and the same scroll and scale work seen on the main body. The domed cast finial is chased with linear bands and the underside of the foot is engraved with a set of contemporary initials. This piece is in quite excellent condition, is fully marked in the foot and is of an excellent weight. Bachelor Teapots are very scarce from this period, especially modelled in this rare design. They were exact miniatures of the full sized examples and were for the use of one person. John Pollock was an exceptional silversmith, who specialised in smaller items of holloware, especially cast milk jugs. He was working from premises in Long Acre when this teapot was made. A very rare and desirable item. Height: 5 inches, 12.5 cm. Length, handle to spout: 7.5 inches, 18.75 cm. Weight: 13oz