

A very unusual early George III Covered Vase made in London in 1769 by John Parker & Edward Wakelin.

£2,950



Description

The vase stands on a circular pedestal foot which is decorated with a gadrooned band. The wide baluster main body is decorated with bold lobing which rises to a flared tapered neck displaying raised scrolls, with stylised foliate motifs above. Each side displays two loop handles with very unusual mask mouldings below, flanked by acanthus leaves. The circular, slightly domed, pull off cover displays a bud finial with platform of acanthus leaves below. The vase is in excellent condition and is of a very good weight and gauge. The vase is fully marked on the foot and with the maker's mark and sterling mark on the cover. The Company that was to become Wakelin & Taylor was founded by George Wickes (1698-1761) who entered his mark at Goldsmiths' Hall in 1722. The Company moved to Panton Street, off Haymarket, in 1735, as a goldsmith and provider of jewellery and other luxury items to aristocratic patrons. Wickes was an accomplished silversmith who gained the patronage of Frederick, Prince of Wales. Two apprentices of Wickes, John Parker and Edward Wakelin, purchased the company following Wickes' retirement in 1760, replaced by John Wakelin and William Taylor in 1776. They were known for their exceptional quality of design and production, which is shown with this vase. Height: 7.5 inches, 18.75 cm Length, handle to handle: 4.6 inches, 11.5 cm. Weight: 18oz. PRICE £ 2,950