

An extremely fine Willaim III Britannia Standard Side Handled
Porringer made in London in 1701 by Matthew Madden

£6,500



Description

These side handled bowls were almost certainly used as eating vessels. The bowl has circular baluster sides which rise to a straight rim. The cast handle is shaped and naively pierced with scroll work and stylised heart motifs. It is also engraved with a set of scratch engraved contemporary initials. The bowl is very well marked on the side and with the sterling mark on the handle. The bowl shows its original hammer marks from when it was raised, which is always a sign of a quality maker. Similar side handled bowls are contained within the collection of the Victoria & Albert Museum in London and a painting by Troost (1697-1750), clearly shows a wealthy Lady eating from one of these bowls. The work of Matthew Madden is scarce and he had workshops in Ball Alley, Lombard Street, when this piece was made.

Height: 1.85 inches, 4.63 cm.

Length: 8 inches, 20cm.

Diameter of the bowl: 5.45 inches, 13.63 cm

Weight: 9oz.