



Chinese Celadon Porcelain Ewer with Fire-Gilded Bronze Mounting

32 cm
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LOUIS XV
Porcelain Gilded Bronze
32 x 0 cm (12⁵/₈ x 0 inches)
Paris, France

Mount: Paris, circa 1750
Porcelain: China, Qianlong period (1736–1795)

The bulbous body is decorated with a meander band and is crowned by a projecting rim with a reed handle. The openwork, curved base is decorated with acanthus leaves and a central shell.

This exceptional celadon porcelain jug features finely chased, aquatic-inspired bronze mounts. It bears a close stylistic relationship to a pair in the Wrightsman Collection at the Metropolitan Museum, New York (inv. no. 244.A.B.), as well as another example in the Wallace Collection, London (inv. no. F105-6).

Between 13 September 1750 and 15 June 1754, the marchand-mercier Lazare Duvaux sold several such celadon jugs with mounts by the bronzier Jean-Claude Duplessis – including a pair that was delivered to Madame de Pompadour in December 1751 for 1,680 livres.

Literature:

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