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AN EXTREMELY RARE MAMMOTH MUSICIANS GOBLET

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REF: FA610

Height: 25.5 cm (10") Width: 16.5 cm (6 1/2")



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Description

A mammoth goblet with an ovoid-shaped bowl over a plain stem with heavy basal knob standing on a domed conical foot this engraved with fruiting vine. The bowl is wheel-engraved with a panel showing Minerva, Goddess of the arts with shield and spear in hand this opposite a youthful Bacchus seated on a wine-cask, glass in hand.

The panel is surmounted by a basket of fruit flanked by two obelisks and surrounded by shell and fruiting vine decoration.

Unusually around this are fourteen musicians: two bass players with five- stringed instruments, two violinists, two trumpeters, two French horn, two clarinetists, two bassoonist, and two lute players.

This group of goblets may refer to G F Handel, noticing the difference in musician numbers and Bacchus giving toast to Minerva there was surely a progression in development, could Bacchus be representing a musician of the period? An obvious candidate instantly came to mind with his reputation for wine women and song and who is portrayed in contemporary cartoons as an over indulger in all departments, his foundation of the Royal Academy of Music in London and it's expansion over the years and the erotic nature of the Goblet in C M OG, Bacchus with his over indulgence of wine along with the toast to Minerva seem to fit well with what is known about Handel

More Information

Period	1700-1749
Collections	The Goblet is extremely rare with only two other examples known. One formerly in the Horridge Collection with ten Musicians (Horridge 1959, lot 301) see Glass from the Restoration to the Regency (selling catalogue also with chip to foot)
Country	England
Condition	Foot chip repaired with later silver mount dating from 1841/1843 London Maker Charles Thomas Fox & George Fox.