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# a magnificent french silver-gilt tea set

Odiot

REF: 11465

Height: 64 cm (25.2") Width: 81 cm (31.9") Weight: 23017 g

By Paris's most renowned silversmiths Odiot,

This model first exhibited by Odiot company was a the 1867 Paris exposition.

A magnificent Louis XVI Style solid silver-gilt seven-piece tea and coffee service by Jean-Baptiste-Gustave Odiot made circa 1892, designed and modelled by François Gilbert and chased by Paul Diomède each piece fully hallmarked, comprising a silver-gilt teapot, coffee pot, hot water urn/samovar with detachable stand, sugar bowl, milk jug, covered cup and tray enclosing at the centre the coat of arms belonging to Cesar Trezza de Mussella of Verona; housed in its original velvet-lined oak box stamped above the middle hinge Odiot Orfèvrerie à Paris. The teapot, coffee pot, sugar bowl and urn each with a part-fluted domed top

surmounted by a flowering and fruiting finial above scrolled foliate handles and an ovoid body chased around its upper half with reclining semi-nude classical maidens and putti, the lower fluted half of each body above a spreading stem on monopodia legs with hoof feet. The milk jug of similar form and like the circular coupe, chased with the same figures. The oval-shaped tray engraved overall with floral arabesques and with conjoined fruiting cornucopia handles.

This magnificent service by Odiot à Paris is an example of one of the firm's showpiece models at the Paris Universal Exhibition of 1867, which had been conceived by the sculptor François Gilbert (1816-1891) and chased and engraved by Paul Diomède. At the time of its creation, this highly important silversmithing firm was being run by Jean-Baptiste-Gustave Odiot (1823-1912), grandson of the firm's founder Jean-Baptiste Claude Odiot (1763-1850). The service was specifically commissioned by Count Cesar Trezza de Mussella who served as president of the Italian Chamber of Commerce in Paris and interestingly was married in London in the same year that he ordered this service from Odiot.

The total Silver weight is 740 troy oz (23,000g)

The Tea urn 25 inches (64cm) high
The Tray 32 inches (81cm) over the handles