



Dutch delft blue and white peacock dish, 18th century **POA**

Dutch delft blue and white peacock dish, 18th century, with an ochre rim, decorated to the centre in cobalt oxide with an urn containing an arrangement of flowers and peacock feathers, the rim with a wide band of stylised flower heads, seed pods and grasses against a scrolling ground, the reverse with the initials B.P. to the base

Notes:

The 'peacock' design was popular in the Netherlands during the 18th century. The peacock feathers embodied the exoticism of the East, and the luxury status which such items held within Dutch society. Interestingly, the combination of peacocks, urns and scrolling vines may have originated in early Byzantine funerary iconography and can be found on sarcophagi and floor mosaics in Ravenna dating from the 4th century onwards.

Material and Technique	Plate with underglaze cobalt oxide decoration
Origin	European Other
Period	18th Century
Diameter	34cm. (13 3/8in.)

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