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Pair of Chinese Famille Rose 'Judgement of Paris' plates, Qianlong (1736-95) POA

Pair of Chinese Famille Rose 'Judgement of Paris' plates, Qianlong (1736-95), decorated in the centre with a scene from Greek mythology where Hermes brings the goddesses Hera, Athena and Aphrodite to Paris (the mortal son of King Priam of Troy) for their beauty to be judged, the rim with four cartouches depicting maritime scenes.

Condition: One plate good, the other with small flake to underside of rim (possibly filled)

Notes: In this depiction, Athena has been replaced with Eros, the God of Love, and the plate shows the final stage where Paris is awarding the golden apple to Venus. The popularity of this scene resulted in numerous reinterpretations on export porcelain, but The Judgement of Paris by Rubens (1577-1640) is generally accepted as the main source for the design

Material and Technique

Porcelain with overglaze enamel decoration in the famille rose palette

Origin Asian

Period 18th Century

Condition Other

Diameter 23cm. (9 1/16 in.)