


## A SILVER GILT PLATTER AND CLOCHE FROM THE DRESDEN COURT SILVER

**Object number :**

Round plate with slightly recessed centre and broad rim. On the underside the engraved monogram of Elector Friedrich August III under the electoral crown, as well as the inventory number 37 with the weight '3 Mr. 8 lt. 3 q. 2 dl.'. The hemi-spherical cloche with a moulded rim; octagonal stepped top with a hinged cast silver handle. The same engraved monogram on the inside, as well as inventory number 10 and

weight indication '4 Mr. ./. lt. 2 q. ./. dl'.

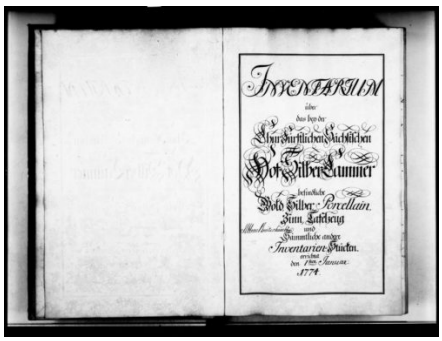
H. 19 cm; D. Platter 27.5 cm, D cloche 24.5 cm,

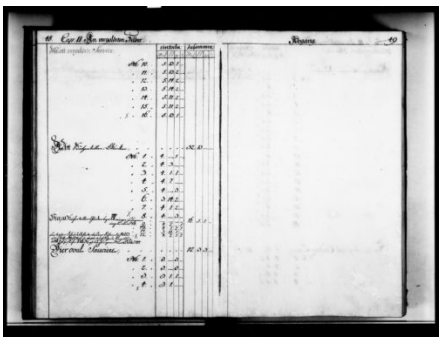
Marks of Carl David Schrödel, struck by his sons, Carl Christian and Friedrich Christian Schrödel, 1784.

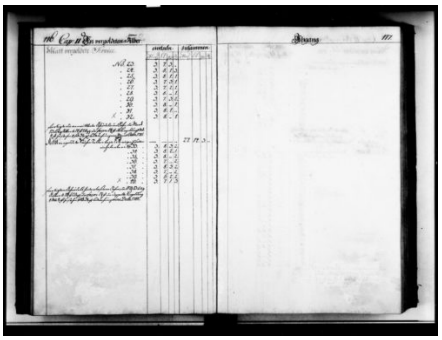
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**Detailed Description**

This cloche and platter come from the Royal Saxon Court Silver Collection, which housed the tableware and decorative items of the royal household.

In 1924, as a result of the division of property between the Free State of Saxony and the former royal family, the Silver Collection became the private property of the Wettin family, who parted with large parts of the court silverware after 1945. They ended up in private collections and museums and are still occasionally offered at auction today.

This cloche and platter were an addition to the so-called ‘matt-gilded silver dinner service’, which Augustus the Strong ordered in 1718 on the occasion of his forthcoming wedding in Augsburg. Several repeat orders were placed in later years, including in 1784 with the Dresden court goldsmiths Carl Christian and Friedrich Christian Schrödel, who continued the workshop of their father Carl David after his death in 1773, still using his maker's mark.

The present ensemble also comes from this subsequent delivery; both pieces can be clearly identified in the surviving inventory of the Dresden Court Silver Collection from 1774. Pages 48 and 116 feature the handwritten entries for the ‘kitchen plate’ no. 37 and the ‘kitchen plate cloche’ no. 10, each marked FA under a crown.

We would like to thank Dr Weinhold, Staatliche Kunstsammlungen Dresden, for her kind support in cataloguing this lot.

Provenance

Fritz Payer art dealership, Zurich 1985; West German private collection.

Literature

For more on the court silver chamber, see Ulli Arnold, Dresdner Hofsilber des 18. Jahrhunderts, publication of the Kulturstiftung der Länder und der Staatlichen Kunstsammlungen Dresden, Berlin/Dresden 1994, p. 30 ff., and, on the Schrödels' maker's marks, ibid. p. 51. On the Augsburg order, see also Lorenz Seelig, Silber und Gold. Augsburger Goldschmiedekunst für die Höfe Europas, Munich 1994, p. 498 ff.

The warming cloche no. 9 with platter no. 38 is housed in the collection of the Grünes Gewölbe in Dresden, inv. no. 2011/5.

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