



FINE GERMAN SILVER PARTLY GILT SPOONS, FORMING A PAIR

Object Number: #301

Königsberg 1727

Robert Tapke

City's hallmark: a crown above a cross for Königsberg (introduced since 1684) (Scheffler nr. 59)

Date letter: "P" for 1727 (Scheffler nr. 101)

Maker's mark: monogram "RT" in a heart-shaped shield for Robert Ta(h)pke (Scheffler nr. 213; Czihak nr. 213)

Length: 21 cm (8,27 in.); weight: 79,4 gr.

Pictures



Detailed Information

Fine German (Konigsberg) Silver Partly Gilt Spoons, Forming a Pair

The stem is flat and tapering towards the ending, while the broader side has flowers engraved. The cast finials on both spoons have the shape of cherub masks. The bowl is quite deep and gilt on the inside. Underneath it has very nice, rich, baroque flowers engraved. The initials "T:Z" are on the stem engraved. These must be understood as an indication of a gift, possibly for a christening or another Christian occasion.

Maker

Robert Ta(h)pke became a maker in Konigsberg in 1706 and got married in the same year. He was also active in Copenhagen. In Konigsberg, he has also worked as jeweller. Many of the churchly and profane works of Tapke are kept in private collections and public museums.

Literature

Scheffler, Goldschmiede Ostpreussens: Daten – Werke – Zeichen, Walter de Gruyter: Berlin-New York, 1983.