

Basic Detail Report

**Title**

Scalloped Fruit Dish (Prince de Rohan Service)

Artist

Manufacture nationale de Sèvres

Date

1771

Dimensions

Overall: 1 13/16 x 7 11/16 in. (4.5 x 19.6 cm)

Medium

Soft-paste porcelain, enamel colors and gilt

Classifications

Ceramics

Credit Line

Gift of Royce G. Martin in memory of his wife

Object number

1951.392

Exhibition History

Toledo Museum of Art, Hitchcock Gallery, Vive Le France: Sevres Porcelain in the 1800s, March 4 - June 12, 2005.

Collections

Decorative Arts

Label Text

In the 18th century, the celebrated Sèvres porcelain manufacturer produced elaborate table services with sometimes hundreds of pieces. The striking bleu celeste ("heavenly blue") pieces displayed here are part of a service meant for the serving of both dinner and desserts. Cheese, meat, soup, cakes, custards, ice creams—each was served in a cup, plate, or bowl designed specifically for that purpose. The 368-piece service (now dispersed among many collections) was commissioned by Cardinal Prince Louis de Rohan to commemorate becoming French ambassador to the court in Vienna. The plates feature Rohan's monogram "LPR." The splendidly painted (if fancifully colored) exotic birds on the pieces were probably based on the prints in George Edward's 1743 publication *A Natural History of Birds*.

On View

Toledo Museum of Art (2445 Monroe Street), Gallery, 27