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Imperial Russian Cloisonné Enamel Salt, Circa 1895

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Description

A superb Imperial Russian silver cloisonné enamel salt by Vasilij Dmtrev, dating to circa 1895. Exquisitely worked and richly coloured, this charming object represents the remarkable artistry of late 19th-century Russian silver and enamelwork.

The salt is decorated in cloisonné enamel, a highly skilled technique in which fine metal wires form delicate compartments, or *cloisons*, that are then filled with coloured enamel. The resulting surface has exceptional depth and brilliance, with the intricate design displaying the precision, colour, and ornamental richness for which Imperial Russian decorative arts are celebrated.

Small silver salts such as this were intended for the most elegant dining tables, where even the smallest accessory was treated as an opportunity for craftsmanship and display. Its compact scale, luxurious materials, and intricate decoration make it a particularly appealing example of the refinement associated with the final decades of Imperial Russia.

Vasilij Dmtrev was a noted Russian silversmith whose work is admired for its finely executed silver and enamel objects. Signed pieces by the maker are sought after by collectors for their quality, decorative appeal, and connection to one of the most inventive periods in Russian decorative art.

A beautiful and highly collectable object, this salt would make a distinguished addition to a collection of Russian silver, cloisonné enamel, or 19th-century tableware. It also offers a striking decorative accent when displayed in a cabinet, on a desk, or as part of a thoughtfully arranged table setting.

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