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Antique & Contemporary Silver

## Large Aesthetic style Victorian silver goblet

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£1,200



REF: 8816

Height: 240 mm (9.45")

Diameter: 120 mm (4.72")

Weight: 438 g

## Description

Large antique silver toasting goblet in the Aesthetic style. Made during the latter part of the Victorian era, the goblet personifies the influence of the Orient on the designers of the day. The bowl of the goblet is hand engraved with Japanese style bamboo, foliage and exotic birds.

Given its capacity of one litre it serves perfectly as a beautiful decorative vase in between drinking!

"Art for art's sake", was a phrase coined by Theophile Gautier in 1835, and became the slogan for the Aesthetic Movement - a movement that set forth to promote the cult of pure beauty in the arts - dreamlike and wistful.

Aesthetic silver design focused on decorative surface detail where the shape of pieces was borrowed from an earlier stylistic era, but now covered in a riot of flowers, plants and birds, featuring decorative motifs from Japan; herons, blossom, bamboo, chrysanthemum and butterflies.