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PORCELAIN FIGURINES OF NESSUS AND DEJANIRA.

KPM. Berlin.

Date: 1940-1942.

Maker/Designer: Model Paul Scheurich.

Technique: Porcelain, white.

Description: On a long oval base a large ensemble of a nymph sitting on the back of a rising centaur - a hybrid of man and horse - and placing her left hand on the back of the centaur's neck to steady her seat. The centaur turns his gaze towards her, one hand stretched towards the sky, the other holding the nymph by the thigh.

Measurement: 75x41x22cm.

Mark: Sceptre mark with 'KPM', painted blue under glaze .

Provenance:

- Private collection Rhineland.

Literature:

Köllmann, Erich: Berliner Porzellan. 1763-1963, Braunschweig 1966, cf. type table 291c.

Nessus and Dejanira come from Greek mythology. Nessus is the son of Ixion and Nephele. He desired the king's daughter and wife of the god Heracles, Dejanira. When she and her husband had to cross a river that was in flood, the centaur offered to carry the beauty across the river. As soon as she was on his back, he galloped off with her and kidnapped her. Heracles soon shot him with a poisoned arrow.

Estimate: 1.200 € - 1.500 €; Hammer: 4.500 €