

## Case 6

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### Royal Manufacture of Sèvres

French, founded 1756

### Lancel Vase with Portrait of the Duke of Orléans,

ca. 1843

Hard-paste porcelain

Ferdinand-Philippe, Duke of Orléans (1810–1842), was the eldest son of King Louis-Philippe, who reigned in France from 1830 to 1848. As the crown prince, he was the hope for the future of the Orléans dynasty and one of the major social figures of Romantic-era Paris. As an art enthusiast, he was especially passionate about the works made by the Romantic artists of his generation, and he became an avid and important collector of Barye's sculptures. He commissioned Barye to create five exotic hunting scenes in bronze for a spectacular centerpiece intended for the state dining room at the Tuileries Palace in Paris. This set is now conserved at the Walters Art Museum, in Baltimore. The duke died in a tragic coach accident on July 13, 1842. The death of this politically talented young man was a terrible blow to the royal family, who were ultimately removed from power by a revolution in February 1848.

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