Royal Manufacture of Sèvres

French, founded 1756

Pair of Lancel Vases with Portraits of the Duke and Duchess of Nemours, ca. 1843

Hard-paste porcelain

This pair of ornate vases by the prestigious porcelain manufacturer of Sèvres feature the portraits of the duke of Nemours, Louis-Philippe's second son, and his wife, Victoria de Saxe-Cobourg-Kohary. Vases like these became traditional tokens for celebrating the union of princely couples during the time of Napoléon's reign in the first decade of the 19th century. Throughout this period, Sèvres worked primarily for the royal family, and such vases were generally produced to be given as presents to family members or as diplomatic gifts.

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