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Hand-Painted Victorian Majolica Vase, Circa 1860

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Description

A richly decorative 19th-century hand-painted majolica vase, dating to circa 1860. With its lively glaze, sculptural presence, and hand-finished ornament, this attractive piece reflects the Victorian enthusiasm for colour, naturalistic decoration, and expressive ceramic design.

Produced during the great revival of majolica in the mid-19th century, the vase is decorated in vibrant, softly variegated glazes that bring depth and movement to its surface. The hand-painted finish gives the decoration an individual, painterly quality, while the substantial ceramic body and elegant form make it a striking object from every angle.

Majolica enjoyed enormous popularity in Victorian interiors, where its glossy coloured glazes provided a dramatic contrast to dark wood, patterned textiles, and richly furnished rooms. Vases of this kind were displayed on mantelpieces, sideboards, consoles, and occasional tables, prized as much for their decorative effect as for their usefulness in holding flowers.

Today, this handsome vase remains a wonderfully versatile decorative object. It would sit beautifully in a traditional interior, an eclectic collection of 19th-century ceramics, or a more contemporary setting in need of colour and character. A charming and highly decorative example of Victorian majolica, with all the warmth and visual appeal that make these pieces so enduringly collectable.

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