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Soufflenheim Pottery Lady and Child on Horseback, Circa 1920

£225

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Height: 26 cm (10.2")

Width: 18 cm (7.1")

Depth: 9 cm (3.5")

Description

A charming and rare Alsace folk-art pottery figure from Soufflenheim, depicting a lady and child seated on horseback, circa 1920. Full of warmth and narrative character, the piece is a delightful example of the imaginative, hand-modelled ceramics for which this historic Alsatian pottery town is celebrated.

The composition captures a tender everyday scene: the poised female rider and her young companion are carried by a patiently modelled horse, creating a lively silhouette that rewards viewing from every angle. The handmade nature of the work is central to its appeal, with softly individual modelling, expressive details, and the inviting irregularity that distinguishes folk pottery from factory production.

Soufflenheim, in northern Alsace, has been an important centre of pottery-making for centuries. Its workshops are especially admired for their richly glazed, characterful domestic wares and charming figurative pieces, which reflect the region's deeply rooted rural traditions. This example belongs to that distinctive tradition, combining decorative flair with an appealing sense of storytelling.

Dating to around 1920, this rare figure offers a wonderful glimpse into the domestic and regional culture of early 20th-century Alsace. It would make an engaging addition to a collection of French or European folk art, regional ceramics, equestrian objects, or early 20th-century decorative arts. Equally, it has the visual presence to be enjoyed as a standalone sculptural accent in an interior.

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