



**19TH CENTURY FRENCH PAINTED
FAIENCE PORQUIER BEAU DISH
SIGNED HR QUIMPER**

\$825

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Serve chips or other appetizers in this elegant antique Quimper dish! Created in Brittany, France circa 1895 by Porquier Beau, the hand painted faience dish is square in shape, and dressed with scrolled handles. The serving platter is decorated at the center with a pair of Breton musicians in traditional costumes and playing the bagpipe and flute; the tray is further embellished with light and dark blue decor around the scalloped edges and embellished with the Brittany coat of arms. The colorful dish is in excellent condition and adorns wonderful colors in the primary blue and green palette. The dish is marked Quimper on the underside with the initials HR and the number 6 for further authentication. Practical and useful, this decorative piece would make an outstanding addition to your porcelain collection and could also be used as a useful vide-poche. Quimper pottery has a long, impressive history. Tin-glazed, hand painted pottery has been made in Quimper, France since the late seventeenth century. The earliest firm, founded in 1685 by Jean Baptiste Bousquet, was known as HB Quimper. Another firm, founded in 1772 by Francois Eloury, was known as Porquier. The third firm, founded by Guillaume Dumaine in 1778, was known as HR or Henriot Quimper. All three firms made similar pottery decorated with designs of Breton peasants and maritime and flower motifs. The Eloury (Porquier) and Dumaine (Henriot) firms merged in 1913. Bousquet (HB) merged with the others in 1968. The group was sold to a United States family in 1984. More changes followed, and in 2011 Jean-Pierre Le Goff became the owner and the name was changed to Henriot-Quimper. The French firm has been called Societe Nouvelle des Faienceries de Quimper HB Henriot since March 1984. Pottery was made in Quimper when the city was part of the Roman Empire, long before tin-glazed pottery was being made. Measures: 12"W x 9" D x 4" H.