



19TH CENTURY FRENCH QUIMPER HAND PAINTED FAIENCE VASE SIGNED HB

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Complete your faience collection with this colorful antique vase from Brittany. Crafted in Quimper, France, circa 1880, the vase is round in shape and dressed with two side handles. The vessel features hand painted floral motifs throughout. The large vase is signed on the underside by the artist Voiron along with the traditional "HB". The unique vase is in excellent condition, and adorns wonderful colors in the blue, green, red and yellow palette. It would serve as lovely flower holder on a table, buffet or console, or resting on a display shelf. 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: 12.5" diameter 11.5" height.