

The Frick Collection: Detail Report



Vase Duplessis (one of a pair)

Vincennes Porcelain Manufactory (French, act. ca. 1740–1756)

Date 1755

Medium Soft-paste porcelain

Dimensions 7 5/8 × 4 1/4 × 3 5/8 in. (19.4 × 10.8 × 9.2 cm)

Credit Line Gift of Miss Helen Clay Frick, 1934

Accession Number 1934.9.05

Currently On View

Second Floor, Room 28, Boucher Room

Commentary Jean-Claude Duplessis is credited with designing the shape of this vase, one of the oldest produced by the porcelain manufactory in Vincennes. A successful model, it was made in at least five different sizes, always with a white ground and colorful flowers in relief; most are decorated with sprays of flowers and flowering branches. The floral garlands on this piece (one of a pair) were painted by Denis Levé (active 1754–1800), a specialist in flowers and ornaments who contributed to the decoration of several dinner services, including one presented by Louis XV to Christian VII of Denmark in 1768.

Collection History Comte N. P. Chérémteff, St. Petersburg. Gift of Miss Helen C. Frick, 1934. Source: *Porcelains in The Frick Collection: Oriental and French. Volume VII.* New York: The Frick Collection, 1974.