



Andre Aucol

A French 19th Century Jardinère

Paris, 1870

Maker's mark of Andre Aucol

Length: 52.5 cm, 20 ½ in.

Weight: 4711 g, 151 oz. 9 dwt.

Of oval form on a spreading pedestal foot with cast, applied, and chased rocaille ornament; two sculptural foliate handles and removable silver-plated liner. Armorial-engraved shields on either side with the motto *Dors je Vielle*.

The coat-of-arms are those of Barons Hulod (Hulot) of Nancy. A member of this family General Etienne Hulot (1774-1850) has his name engraved on the Arc de Triomphe in Paris. The fictitious Baron D'Hulot D'Ervy from Honoré de Balzac's *La Cousine Bette*, is based on a number of real members of the family.

Artist description:

André Aucoc, the famous French Parisian jeweller and goldsmith was part of the firm Aucoc founded in 1821. André Aucoc received a gold medal at the Universal Exhibition of 1889, then first prize at the Universal Exhibition of 1900. In 1900, he received the Legion of Honour. His brother, Louis Aucoc, was also a leading Parisian art Nouveau jeweller. The Aucoc family firm based at 6 Rue de La Paix was established in Paris in 1821 and were jewellers and goldsmiths to the house of King Louis Philippe, the house of Orleans, Napoleon III and the Empress Eugenie. From 1874 to 1876, René Lalique was a disciple of Aucoc. Lalique later become a defining figure in the art Nouveau style.