

George II Rare Sterling Silver Sailor Tapersticks by Peter Werritzer

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## Description

George II rare sterling silver sailor tapersticks.

Maker: Peter Werritzer. London 1756.

Each taperstick has a figure of a Sailor (Jack Tar) with raised arms, balancing the socket and drip pan on his head, standing on a small capstan mounted on a conical base with gadrooned edge and chased with a fan of stylized acanthus leaves.

The figure wears a neckerchief and broad-brimmed boater-style hat and is dressed in a long jerkin with 2 lower front pockets, 5 large buttons and back flaps; narrow, ankle-length trousers and buckled, pointed-toe shoes.

The full set of hallmarks is clearly stamped on the base of each taperstick.

Tapersticks whose stems are in the form of a figure were mainly made over a 30 year period in the mid 18th Century. Although the most commonly known figure is that of a Harlequin, sailors were also very popular particularly after the British victories in the Seven Years war.

Height: 5.4 inches (13.7cm)

Width at base 2.8 inches 7.11cm)

Weight: 7 troy ounces pair (217.72 grams) the pair