Basic Detail Report



Figurative mate cup, bombilla

Date

19th century

Primary Maker

Artist not recorded

Medium

Metal (Silver alloy, including copper, brass and other metals)

Description

Silver colored mate cup (a) in the form of a round vessel with floral designs around the shoulder, and leaves around the base and neck, which is perched atop the head of a male youth, who steadies it with one hand. He steps forward and has his other arm outstretched at his side. The conical, flared base upon which he stands also has a row of flowers around the bottom, and leaves just below the "pedestal" upon which he stands. Bombilla (b) has a teardrop shaped strainer pierced in concentric circles on a silver tube with a brass bite, brass decoration just above the strainer, and a spiraling design in copper and silver florals around the top half of the tube.

Dimensions

Cup: 8 11/16 x 3 9/16 x 3 9/16 in. (22 x 9 x 9 cm) Bombilla: 10 5/16 x 13/16 x 3 1/8 in. (26.2 x 2 x 8 cm)