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Title Drug Jars

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Date about 1815-1830

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Mold-formed porcelain with gilding and overglaze enamels in black,

brown, purple, green, pink, red, and blue

Description Pair of cylindrical, porcelain lidded drug jars with gilding and hand-

painted enamels. Each drug jar is decorated in the Empire, or late classical

revival, style popular in the early part of the nineteenth century. Each jar (.a) has

a shield-shaped area surrounded by an elaborate border of floral cornucopias

and gilded flowers and scrolls. The black and brown cornucopias form the lower

sides of the shield, with pink, red, and purple flowers emerging at the top of the

cornucopias about half way down the side of each jar. The top of the shield is

decorated with scrolls and flowers in a symmetrical pattern. Inside the shield,

each jar has different Latin words as follows: jar .1 "BUT: CAO"; and, jar .2 "CONF:

/ SENNAE". Each jar has a single band of gilding just below the rim, and two

bands of gilding at the foot. Each jar also has a tall lid (.b) with a round finial at

the top. The top of the finial is gilded, with an additional band of gilding below

the base of the finial, and at the rim of each lid. The gilding on each jar and lid

has worn slightly, while the gilding on the finials has worn more. The remnants

of an unknown brown substance have adhered to jar .2 just above the enamel

and gilt decoration and at the foot just below.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height including lid x diameter .1a,b): 11 x 4 5

/8in. (27.9 x 11.7cm) Primary Dimensions (height including lid x diameter .2a,b):

10 1/4 x 4 5/8in. (26 x 11.7cm)