



## **VASE AMPHORA "FAIRY TALE PRINCESS" CA. 1899**

**€14.500,00**

Monumental Portrait vase "Fairy Tale Princess",  
design Nikolaus Kannhäuser, manufactured by  
Amphora-Werke Riessner Stellmacher & Kessel in  
Turn-Templitz, ca. 1899, ivory porcelain, marked

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A characteristic product line of Bohemian Amphora Werke are vessels made of ivory porcelain. The term refers to vases made from the finest clay, artfully glazed, and elaborately decorated with relief applications. A group of their own, completely en-vogue with the contemporary taste of French Art Nouveau, represent the "portrait vases" with their depictions of female faces.

Nikolaus Kannhäuser, then director of Amphora Werke, designed the "Fairy Tale Princess"-series around 1899. The monumental vase, almost 45 centimeters in height, bears an extravagant ornamentation. Main motif is the delicately drawn face of the princess, a veil-like robe wrapped around her portrait and the young lady wearing a crown.

Centered behind her head one can see the sun rising, surrounding her like an aureole.

Her noble robe is painted in light and cobalt blue underglaze with intricate golden embellishments. Only hinted at in the background is a deciduous forest in purple, brown and gold colors. The base of the vase was decorated with gold and green fusions with crimson flowers set with round semi-precious stones. Finally, the entire surface was finished with relief painting in matte gold. This is the largest version known of this motif so sought after by collectors, and we are very proud to present such an outstanding work by Amphora.











