Group - The Slumber of the Shepherdess

Object: Group

Place of origin: Höchst (made)

Date: ca. 1775 (made)

Artist/Maker: Melchior, Johann Peter, born 1747 - died 1825 (modeller)
Höchst porcelain factory (manufacturer)

Materials and Techniques: Hard-paste porcelain painted with enamels and gilded

Credit Line: Purchased with funds from the Captain H.B. Murray Bequest

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Gallery location: Ceramics, Room 139, The Curtain Foundation Gallery, case R, shelf 3

Descriptive line
Figure group in hard-paste porcelain painted with enamels and gilded, modelled by J.P. Melchior, Höchst porcelain factory, Höchst, ca. 1775.

Physical description
Figure group in hard-paste porcelain painted with enamels and gilded of a sleeping shepherdess with a shepherd, a boy and a dog. The shepherdess is lying on a grass-covered rocky mound with a tree stump behind. She wears a rose-pink bodice and pale yellow skirt. The shepherd is seated on the ground, to the left and wears a pink-striped white jacket, rose pink waistcoat and breeches of pale yellow. Both wear rose-pink hats. To the right a small boy in rose-pink breeches and jacket with green lining and collar is leading a dog. On the ground to the left of the shepherdess lies a sheep, and at the shepherd's feet is a wallet.

Dimensions
Height: 21.3 cm, Length: 31.8 cm

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