



Cantagalli, Italian Porcelain Copper Lustre Table Lamp

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£1,500

PERIOD	19th Century , 1880-1889
YEAR	1880
STYLE	Renaissance Revival
ORIGIN	Italy
MATERIALS	Copper, Porcelain
DIMENSIONS	H: 14.17 in (36 cm) W: 6.69 in (17 cm) D: 6.69 in (17 cm)
CONDITION	Good

About this piece

This **Italian porcelain copper lustre table lamp by Cantagalli** began life as a twin-handled vase, produced around 1880 in Florence during the revival of Italian Renaissance ceramic traditions. The body is richly decorated in iron-red and gilt arabesque motifs on a lustrous ground, the scrolling handles and baluster neck demonstrating the sculptural precision for which the Cantagalli workshop was known.

The design reflects the *Italian Renaissance Revival* style that characterised Cantagalli's late nineteenth-century output, fusing historical reference with modern craftsmanship. The lustre technique, derived from Hispano-Moresque pottery, creates a metallic sheen that enhances the sculptural form and illuminates the intricate patterning beneath.

Later adapted for use as a table lamp, the piece retains the essence of its original design, a synthesis of art, history, and function that defines the period's fascination with decorative reinterpretation.