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## Rare 18th Century Castelli Maiolica Vase

£2,600

A large and rare 18th Century Castelli maiolica vase attributed to the Cappelletti workshop. The body decorated with a continuous scene of Europa and Zeus, with Zeus taking the form of a bull. Raised on a waisted socle

Ideal for conversion to form a large country house lamp base, a service which we are happy to provide through our in-house workshop

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**SKU:** C003

**Diameter:** 26 cm (10 inches)

**Height:** 43 cm (17 inches)

**Year:** Italian. Circa 1775



This vase decorated with figures in a continuous landscape can be attributed to the Cappelletti workshop. It is a classic example of the taste for decoration that prevailed in the kilns of the Abruzzo city starting from the mid-seventeenth century when they turned to reviving the taste that had been the glory of Italian majolica between the Renaissance and Mannerism. The vast surfaces offered by these vases gave the Castelli painters the opportunity to create animated landscapes, where large figures form the focal point of the composition.

They were particularly popular with the English nobility and other Grand Tourists from the 16th to the 18th Centuries and are still made in the town to this day.