

FOSTER & GANE

A rare and large iridescent 'Olympia' glass vase designed by Dr. Christopher Dresser (1834 - 1904) and made by Loetz for Max Emanuel, London

£4,600



REF: 6123

Height: 35.55 cm (14")

Diameter: 26 cm (10.2")

Description

The body of a wide, double gourd form with the pale green iridescence of the Olympia range.

Made by Loetz to a design by Dr. Christopher Dresser. Commissioned and sold by London retailer Max Emanuel.

Bohemia, circa 1898

Provenance: Collection of Christopher Morley; subsequently collection of Paul Reeves

Condition: In wonderful original condition

Max Emanuel, an importer and retailer of European porcelain and glass, commissioned a series of vases by Loetz in 1898 which were made to designs by Dr. Christopher Dresser. Dresser is known to have licensed some of his designs to a certain few respected retailers. It is likely, though not proved, that Emanuel bought the licence to these designs and commissioned Loetz to make them.

An example of Dresser's original Clutha glass vase to the same design, made by Messrs. J. Couper & Sons, is illustrated in Dresser's *Decorative Design*. Christopher Morley, 2010. pg. 285, fig. 578.