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A striking French 19th century Louis XVI st. ormolu and enameled porcelain centerpiece hand signed by Picard. The centerpiece is raised by a striking and richly detailed ormolu base with block rosettes, a wonderfully executed draped fabric with tassels and charming acorn finials. The socle pedestal is decorated with a berried laurel band while above is the beautiful porcelain body with finely hand painted scenes of charming cherubs at play. At each side are intricately detailed winged cherub with etched detailed below the elegant handles. The rim displays a most decorative fluted band and is also finished on the inside. Matching pair of lamps item #10489 offered separately.

Henri Picard (1831-1890) was a renowned 19th century French Bronzier, and founded The Maison Picard Paris, in 1831. The firm was active until circa 1890. Picard's works are known for high quality chasing and magnificent mercury gilding. Picard was commissioned by Emperor Napoleon III for decorative items for his apartments in the Royal and Imperial Château Fontainebleau, which are now on exhibit in the Louvre. As well, an important pair of twelve-light candelabras, that remain in the Musée du Louvre today. Henri Picard is highly regarded by antique experts and collectors alike.





