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DUTCH SILVER CAKE SERVER, Johannes Schiotling, Amsterdam, 1770

264 grams; 31,7 cm long, 8,3 cm wide

This fabulous cake server is tangible proof of Johannes Schiotling's craftmanship, to whose oeuvre the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam rightly devoted a stand-alone exhibition and publication in 1976/77. This cake server was exhibited there and depicted in the exhibition catalogue Johannes Schiotling, an Amsterdam silversmith (1730-1799) (no. 9).

Not many cake servers from the 18th century have been recorded. Two of them were made by Jan van 't Hofken in 1732 and 1734. Jan Diederik Pont made a cake server in 1739 and later one in 1762. Wilhelmus Angenendt, foreman at Schiotling's workshop, made one in 1792 and one in 1772.