



"SKATING ON THE BRANDYWINE"

By

James Wyeth

1975



Fourth in a series of five annual silver collector's
plates. Serially numbered and individually etched
by The Franklin Mint in solid sterling silver.



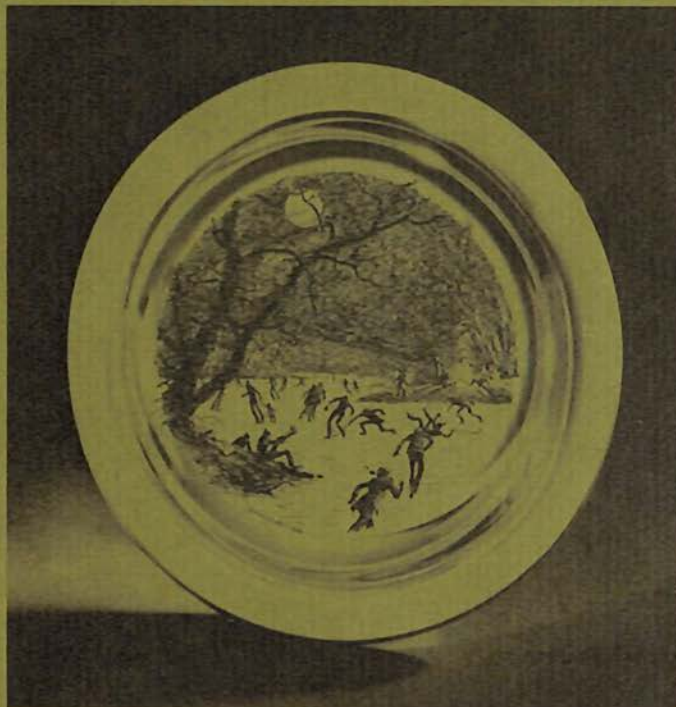
"It was so cold you could almost hear the branches of the trees crackling, and the moon was so bright you could clearly see the hockey puck spinning across the ice. When your hands got too cold, there was always a big bonfire, and somebody would bring marshmallows or wieners to roast. But it was the moonlight which gave the scene that special glowing magic that none of us will ever forget."

It is this special glowing quality that James Wyeth has so masterfully interpreted in "Skating on the Brandywine."

This delightful etching, which appears on the fourth in a series of five annual sterling silver plates by James Wyeth, recaptures a favorite memory of the artist's childhood. The scene is portrayed with all the detailed yet dreamlike quality so often connected with one's fondest recollections.

The medium of sterling silver is ideally suited to complement the subtle interplay of highlights in the beautiful design. The gleaming ice reflects the brilliance of the full moon, darkly accented by the somber branches of winter trees. The silhouetted skaters seem suspended in slow motion, and the glowing flames of the bonfire are captured with the magical touch of James Wyeth's artistry.

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Please Note: To preserve the superb finish of your James Wyeth Collector's Plate, we have protected the surface with a fine transparent coating. With normal care, your plate will not tarnish. We recommend that you do *not* use silver cleaner as this will damage the protective coating. Do *not* wash the plate — simply wipe with a soft cloth.

SERIAL NO. 129



Certificate of Authenticity

"Skating on the Brandywine"
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This certifies that the solid sterling silver plate originally accompanying this Certificate, and identified by the same serial number, was produced by The Franklin Mint and bears an etching of the original work entitled "Skating on the Brandywine," created by James Wyeth expressly for this limited edition.

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Dear Collector:

We are very pleased to send you the 1975 sterling silver collector's plate created by the distinguished artist James Wyeth, entitled "Skating on the Brandywine."

Your plate was individually etched in solid sterling silver by The Franklin Mint. On the back of the plate is a sterling silver medallion which bears your plate's registered serial number. The same number also appears on the accompanying Certificate of Authenticity.

For bookshelf storage and ready access, the plate is packaged in a handsome library case. Should you wish to hang your plate, two different styles of custom-designed frames are available. I am enclosing a leaflet describing the frames, along with a convenient order form.

I believe you will agree that "Skating on the Brandywine" -- a unique and beautiful work of art -- is sure to be one of your most highly prized possessions.

Sincerely,

William F. Krieg
Vice President
Collector Relations

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