

Magnificent ornamentation – the Richly Painted Angels

The Richly Painted Angels, designed by Grete Wendt, were Olly Wendt's favorite figurines. Right up until her very last day at work in April 1983, she could be found painting these angels herself. Typical for Olly Wendt is the sumptuous golden embellishments – a reminiscent tribute to her Baltic homeland of Riga. Their elaborate painting takes numerous individual and coordinated steps. A special glaze gives the dress its soft pearly shimmer – a total of six such layers are applied, with each new layer painted somewhat shorter from the waist. This process ends up imparting shimmering softness and rich full color to the richly painted garments.

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