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## 18th Century Neapolitan Creche Figure In Polychrome Carved Wood



250 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Painted wood

### Description

An 18th-century Neapolitan polychrome carved wood crèche figure; dressed in the original silk, cotton and lace clothing.

Height: 23 cm.

Provenance: private collection, The Netherlands

This is a charming figure of an African person from a Neapolitan nativity scene or crèche. The clothing is original and has suffered losses, but is still very beautiful. Also some little damages to the fingers, but a very beautiful figure.

Traditionally, the main focus of Christmas decorations in Italy is the Nativity scene or

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presepe. Every church has a presepe and as do many of the squares, shops, and other public areas. Displays often go beyond the manger scene and may even include a representation of the entire village. The 18th century was the golden age of Creche art and Neapolitan royalty soon adopted this tradition for their personal enjoyment and leading artists could be commissioned to create miniature nativity figures. They demanded the finest details including realistic glass eyes and fine silk and brocade fabrics. It is recorded that the King's own collection numbered over 6,000 figures.

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