Model Of The 19th Century Oratory Mosque Of The Andalusian Alhambra



34 000 EUR

Signature : rafael contreras

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Solid wood

Description

This important and rare model depicts the Mosque-Oratory of the Alhambra, located within the iconic palace complex in Granada, Spain. The Alhambra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a masterpiece of Nasrid art and architecture, embodying the pinnacle of Andalusian Islamic craftsmanship and cultural heritage. The oratory, which is part of this model, includes an inscription attributed to Yusuf I (reigned 1333-1354). Recent studies, including dendrochronological analysis of the original oratory's wooden elements, confirm that its construction was completed during the reign of Yusuf I, although initiated by Ismail I (reigned 1314-1325). Features: Craftsmanship and Materials: This 19th-century model, likely attributed to Rafael Contreras, the renowned

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restorer of the Alhambra, demonstrates unparalleled attention to detail and precision. Constructed using fine marquetry, exotic woods, alabaster, marble, and polychrome plaster, capturing the unique artistry of the original structure. Interiors decorated with Arabic calligraphy and phrases faithfully reproduce the intricate details of the Nasrid period. Historical Context: The oratory is of historical significance, as it displays remarkable Nasrid art and inscriptions. Reflects the evolution of the Alhambra's architecture and its influence of Islamic traditions blended with Andalusian styles. Condition: The model remains in very good condition, with minor age-related imperfections that add to its authenticity and historical value. Dimensions: 160 cm (L) x 65 cm (W) x 53 cm (H) Approximate Weight: Over 20 kg Significance: This is a museum-quality piece, showcasing extraordinary craftsmanship and representing one of the most important monuments in Andalusian history. It is not only a collector's item but also a historical artifact that evokes the splendor of Al-Andalus and its timeless legacy. Condition Note: Minor wear consistent with age; some small details are missing due to the passage of time. This piece is exceptionally rare and highly collectibleEnviar comentariosPaneles lateralesHistorialGuardado