



## Antique Wax Model Representing Flora (?)



4 000 EUR

Signature : à étudier

Period : 16th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Wax

Height : 25

### Description

A rare collector's item, it is a sculpture entirely in wax depicting a youthful figure with a classical Renaissance style, probably an allegory or a divinity from the classical world which could be Flora, also understood as the goddess of spring. The sculpture may have been a model for a bronze sculpture, not completed or used as a pictorial model. It is known, although the use is quite limited to some cases, that in the pictorial workshops of the Italian Renaissance, types of plastic models were used to derive the perspective and morphological canons of the figure useful for achieving the desired aesthetic and expressive canons.

The art of modeling in wax was very widespread in the Renaissance and numerous wax sculptors dabbled in this art, which was very popular in the

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15th and 16th centuries.

The wax model we present could be an unusual still intact example of Renaissance origin, with a late Gothic charm, which shows traits of a more purely Florentine culture, such as expressiveness, which seems to be deduced from late fifteenth-century artists such as Desiderio da Settignano or Rosellino.

The wax shows a very worn patina and especially on the back of the head, the material seems so hardened that it appears petrified to the eye and to the touch.

Periodization 15th/16th or late.

Height 25 cm.

We attach a historical certificate of authenticity to the sale.