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Hand Bell Or Bell, "from Malinas". Bronze. 16th Century.



500 EUR

Period : 16th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Bronze

Diameter : 8 cm.

Height : 14 cm.

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| Description |
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Hand bell or bell, "from Malinas". Bronze. 16th century.

Hand bell with clapper made of bronze and decorated on the outside with a slight relief. The base has, between bands, an inscription in capital letters and in Latin ("Sit nomen Domini benedictum", "Blessed be the name of the Lord!"); above it, on the body of the bell, there is a decoration with angels, vases with plant elements, garlands, a figure playing a musical instrument, etc., with a great classical influence; the hand has a balustrade shape with mouldings. The text refers to the Apostolic or Papal Blessing, typical of Catholic liturgy. The export trade of handicrafts and artistic pieces during the 15th and 16th centuries that took place in the Netherlands was of great importance, especially between the

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territories that were then united under the same crown. Among the pieces (experts speak of almost industrial production) that enjoyed the greatest diffusion were these bells called "de Malinas" because they came from this Flemish city. The success of the model is indisputable and proof of this is that, from imported examples, molds were made with which to obtain absolutely identical copies. These bells usually have common characteristics such as their small size and their beveled profile; however, the peculiarity that easily identifies them is the decoration they have on their surface.

Weight: 425 grams. · Size: 8x8x14 cms