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Memento Mori In Horn, Janus Bifrons



550 EUR

Period : 19th century
Condition : Très bon état
Material : Horn
Width : 34 mm
Height : 80 mm
Depth : 30 mm

Description

Fascinating Memento Mori in Horn, dated late 19th century and originating from a private German collection. This unique piece represents Janus Bifrons, featuring a skull on one side and a man's face on the other, symbolizing the duality of life and death as well as the transition between past and future.Handcrafted, the object has an authentic horn exterior (confirmed by microscopic analysis), while the interior has been stabilized with resin to ensure durability and longevity.Condition: Excellent condition, with signs of aging that attest to its authenticity and enrich its historical charm. Interior restored and stabilized with resin.The Latin term "Memento Mori" translates to "Remember that you must die". This philosophy, rooted in classical antiquity and later adopted in Christian

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ecclesiastical art, served as a reminder of life's transience and the inevitability of death. Objects like this were meant to encourage reflection on the fleeting nature of earthly pleasures and the importance of living a virtuous life in preparation for the afterlife.In Roman mythology, Janus is the god of doors, transitions, and new beginnings, depicted with two faces looking in opposite directions. This representation symbolizes the ability to simultaneously view the past and the future, as well as the intrinsic duality of transitional moments. The integration of Janus into a Memento Mori emphasizes contemplation of life's cyclical nature and the eternal connection between life and death.The use of horn, an organic material prized for its durability and natural beauty, combined with meticulous craftsmanship, indicates a high-quality production typical of late 19th-century Germany.International shipping available. Packaging will be carefully prepared to protect the item during transport. IMPORTANT! Custom Shipping: You can contact us, and based on your location, we will calculate the most convenient shipping option for you. The flat rate may be too high or too low for your area, and we will be happy to help you find the best price for shipping.