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## 17th Century Italian Carved Blue Red Painted Voting Urn Yes Or No

2 700 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Painted wood

Width : cm. 28

Height : cm 36.5

Depth : cm. 13.5



### Description

Antique Italian ballot urn shaped wooden box, carved and painted, coming from Tuscany, Monte San Savino near Arezzo in Central Italy. This ballot urn is an excellent example of a 17th century wooden voting box consisting of two urn shaped carved vases, connected by a unique circular opening, with red and blue painting. Each vase has painted on the top SI and NO, YES / NO, in order to distinguish for and against votes on paper, then collected in two separate small drawers. Ballots were paper in that era. In Tuscany starting from the Middle Ages priors of the various city corporations used to meet, discuss and decide on the problems of political and economic matters. When no agreement was reached, a vote was held using this unique antique urn. A prime example of how votings were

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handled in earlier times, it is truly a gem, a unique work to display in your cabinet of curiosities or in your board of directors room. Know of a politician who might appreciate a superb gift from political history. Wear consistent with use, a minor crack around the opening shows an ancient restoration, minor painting losses or retouching, but considering the age, it is still in good condition.