



## Gilt Bronze Plaque Of Saint Sebastian -- 17th Century



## 300 EUR

Period : 17th century Condition : Très bon état Material : Bronze

## Description

Saint Sebastian Square in gilded bronze - 17th centuryExceptional devotional plaque in gilded bronze, made in Spain according to the principles of the 17th century. This type of object, of intimate size and refined execution, was used both for private devotion and to adorn small domestic altars.DescriptionThe square represents Saint Sebastian, the martyr Christian venerated for his resistance and is incorruptible. The figure of the saint appears seated on a tree, his bare torso elegantly modeled and crossed by arrows, in accordance with traditional iconography. The anatomical treatment is natural and balanced, typical of the Spanish Baroque style, which allows the virtuosity of the model and the expression contained in the painting. The background shows a summarily indicated

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PASEO RECOLETOS 31 Madrid 28004 landscape, which carries deeply to the scene. The surface retains an original golden color, applied to the bronze with a quality that restores the volumes and details of the composition.Technical detailsCulture: SpanishMaterial: Bronze finely gilded with firePeriod: First third of the 17th century (around 1600-1630)Dimensions:  $10 \times 7$ cm (without the suspension)Conservation statusThe plaque is preserved in excellent condition, with a stable and well-preserved golden patina. No presentation of visible restorations or structural damage, guaranteeing its integrity and authenticity.Historical and artistic contextSaint Sebastian was one of the patron saints against the plague, a motif for his iconography that was enormously diffused in Europe in the 16th and 17th centuries. Gilded bronze religious plaques were common in aristocratic and ecclesiastical circles, valued for their portability and elegance. CV An exceptional piece both for its technical quality and its relevant iconography, ideal for collectors of sacred art, ancient bronzes or Spanish Baroque art.