

## Oak Misericord Representing A Cherub, 16th Century



## 650 EUR

Period: 16th century

Condition: Très bon état

Material: Solid wood

Width: 30 c.m.

Height: 18,5 c.m.

## Description

A beautifully carved and antique misericord or mercy seat depicting a friendly cherub. Lovely details like the way the wings are carved (see second photo). Origin: French Dimensions: Height: 18.5 cm Width: 30 cm Condition: Good original condition. No restoration. Beautiful patina. A misericord (or "miserere" or "propitiatory") is a small, hinged wooden support or ledge located under the drop-down seats in a church, usually from the medieval period. When the stall seat is folded down, the projecting misericord forms a ledge to lean on when standing. Although not quite a seat, the miserere usually provides support for monks, canons, and other clergy who would lean on it. This was useful for the elderly and infirm when it was necessary to stand during long services -

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especially in the Roman Catholic faith - as it reduced their discomfort. Source: Brittany For more examples, please see the Stalla database.

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