

Saint Anthony With The Infant Jesus. Wood. School Of Mechelen, 16th Century.



2 400 EUR

Period : 16th century Condition : En l'etat

Material: Painted wood

Width: 8,5 cm Height: 28,5 cm

Description

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A carved

wooden sculpture, worked, as was usual in this centre, on the front part

because it was intended to be placed on an altar, representing Saint Anthony of

Padua with the Child Jesus sitting on a book, in one of the most common

iconographies for this Franciscan saint. The relationship with the school of

Malines is evident in the physiognomy of the figures, the remains of the

polychromy, etc. The "poupées malinoises" or "Malines

dolls" are small sculptures of saints made in the

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late 15th century and early 16th century in the workshops of Malines (Flanders) and were known by these names because of the similarity of their faces to those of dolls or peponas ("poupins"); they were sometimes also called "cutlet sculptures" because they were finished only at the front, being flat at the back, depending on the depth of the bottom of the niche where they were to be placed. They were made for small domestic altarpieces - normally containing three statuettes or "dolls" - rectangular in the shape of a box and with painted wings or doors. The best known example is perhaps the altarpiece preserved in the Mayer van den Bergh Museum in Antwerp. ·

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