



Polychrome Sculptures Of St. John And A Reliquary Figure. Germany, 14th Century.



6 850 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Painted wood

Description

Two Polychrome Statuettes of Saint John the Baptist and a Holy Reliquary Figure. Germany, late 14th century. Height: 31 cm and 32.3 cm (excluding later pedestals). Finely carved in the round, these two gilt and polychrome limewood statuettes--likely conceived as part of the same sculptural ensemble--represent Saint John the Baptist and a Holy Reliquary Figure. Saint John the Baptist is depicted in a conventional iconographic pose, raising his right index finger in gesture toward a medallion depicting the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God), held in his veiled left hand and partially enveloped by the drapery of his mantle. The figure stands upon a moulded base. The companion figure, serving as a holy reliquary, wears a voluminous mantle with a turned-back fold at the front. The face is oval in

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shape, framed by short hair and a bifid beard, and the reverse of the figure is hollowed to form a cavity for relics. It rests upon a moulded plinth with chamfered corners. Condition: Minor losses and small restorations; polychromy is old but later.