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## Coral Sculpture Depicting The Redemption Of Christ, Southern Italy, Naples Or Trapani, Second H



15 000 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Coral

Height : 40

### Description

Magnificent votive sculpture carved entirely from a single branch of Mediterranean red coral, showcasing extraordinary craftsmanship. The composition features the glorified Christ ascending to Heaven, lifted by a host of angels and cherubs in a swirling vertical movement, echoing the theatrical and spiritual exuberance of the late Baroque. At the base, a dense allegorical group of redeemed souls emerges from the natural knots of the coral, in a symbolic and animated narrative. The carving is of outstanding quality, with refined anatomical precision, expressive faces, flowing drapery, and a masterful use of the coral's natural form to enhance its dynamic structure. The piece rests on its original ebonized wood base, adorned with delicately carved coral applications in vegetal and

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rocaille motifs, completing its ornamental richness. Total height: 40 cm - sculpture alone: 33 cm. A rare and exquisite work, likely commissioned for a private chapel or an aristocratic collection, and a superb example of the coral artistry flourishing in Naples and Sicily in the 18th century.