



Ivory Pommel Depicting A Smiling Man's Head, Ca. 1650.



2 500 EUR

Period : 16th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Ivory

Height : 5 cm

Depth : 4 cm

Description

Ivory knob depicting a smiling man's head, 16th century French or Flemish work. The man with the hat and hairstyle typical of the 16th century is smiling openly. In the Renaissance, the mouth refers to the pleasures of the flesh; to smile is to exhibit the orifice of decadence or madness. cf.: Paintings by Breughel and Bosch. This piece is accompanied by its CITES certificate and cannot be exported outside the European Community.

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