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Head Of Bacchus In Gilded Bronze, Italian Renaissance Cane Knob, 16th Century.



8 500 EUR

Period : 16th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Bronze

Diameter : 4cm

Height : 6cm

Description

This small bronze representing the head of Bacchus or Silenus was cast using the lost wax method and gilded with mercury. It was probably intended to adorn a parade staff or a prestigious object. Examination of the hollow base shows us a handcrafted thread. The gilding, although very thick, is very worn, indicating extensive handling, which supports the hypothesis of the cane; indeed, at the end of a staff, its weight would make it a defensive weapon, moreover the threading system is too important to simply fix a small accessory, on a piece of furniture or any other decorative object. The quality of the cast, its state of preservation and its iconography make it a rare and precious piece. Height 6cm. Worn gilding, nose flattened by a shock, magnificent brown patina with green traces of oxide. Probably

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Italian work from the 16th century.