



Spanish Bargueño Called "of Saint-jacques" - 17th Century



9 000 EUR

Signature : Anonyme

Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Wood marquetry

Width : 97

Height : 142

Description

Rare and elegant Spanish bargueño from the end of the 17th century, known as "Saint-Jacques" because of its drawer handles in the shape of a scallop shell, a symbol of pilgrims on the road to Compostela. The facade is distinguished by its skillfully arranged architecture: a succession of twisted bone columns, molded frames and drawers decorated with bovine bone marquetry and highlights. The geometric patterns and light inlays contrast with the warmth of the wood, creating a refined decorative play typical of Iberian productions. Resting on a later base in turned and twisted wood, this piece of furniture opens with a wide flap revealing an interior theater composed of multiple drawers and secret compartments, once intended to store correspondence, jewelry and precious objects.

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Appearing in Spain during the Renaissance, the bargueño spread widely during the Golden Age (16th-17th centuries). Both a piece of travel furniture and a status symbol, it embodies the refinement of Iberian art, where architectural inspiration blends with precious decor. The so-called "Saint-Jacques" model, recognizable by its sculpted shells, directly evokes the spiritual imagination and the pilgrimage route to Compostela. A superb testimony to Spanish Baroque know-how, both a ceremonial piece of furniture and a collector's item.