

Pair Of Marble Busts - Rome, Circa 1600



9 000 EUR

Period: 17th century

Condition: Très bon état

Material: Marble

Width: 25 cm

Height: 35 cm

Description

This fine pair of marble busts depicts Christ and the Virgin. The bust of Christ belongs to a select group of well-documented bust portraits of the early seventeenth century. His features evoke the impassive mask of Antiquity, yet the almost wet effect of the flattened hair prevents any resemblance to the traditional bearded god. Closely related to a bust in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, executed in Rome around 1600, it offers the devotee and the viewer an impenetrable gaze, echoing the spirit of works by Ippolito Buzzi (the Christ of Ornan; Saint James in San Giacomo al Corso). Both busts express the same inward, idealized form of devotion. Combining virtuosity of execution with restraint of expression, they embody the renewed order of religious sculpture in Rome around

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