Neapolitan Nativity Scene Saint Joseph Terracotta Sculpture Naples 19th Century



420 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Height : 37cm

Description

Neapolitan santon* (nativity scene character) in polychrome terracotta, representing Saint Joseph in a purple tunic and yellow cape, from Naples - Italy, from the 19th century. This santon is in good general condition, in its original condition. Superb quality. Please note: some small cracks and scratches (especially on the neck), dirt, stains and wear of time, take a good look at the photos. We have other Neapolitan santons for sale on this site. * Neapolitan santons: Neapolitan nativity scenes are very different from those seen in churches due to the importance of secular scenes. They are not limited to depicting the nativity, the child Jesus surrounded by the holy family, but are vast compositions with abundant decorations and multiple characters, often involving the best artists. Its spectacular character and its

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scenographic richness are only possible thanks to the activity of several artists and craftsmen (architects, sculptors, painters, goldsmiths, ceramists, tailors, etc.). Indeed, thanks to their imagination, they succeeded in reproducing the daily life of the Neapolitans of the 17th and 18th centuries. The elegance of the figuration and the finesse of execution of these santons also reveals the quality of the know-how of the Neapolitan craftsmen. The market, the hostelry, the dances, the street vendors, the beggars, the tavern, the different trades, the guard of the flocks, the royal procession, and everything that was within the reach of everyday life or fantasy, had its place in the Neapolitan nativity scenes testifies to the richness and variety of this artisanal production. Dimensions Height 37 cmD10 210Reference: All photos are on: www.antiques-delaval.com