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## Important Sicilian Nativity Scene With 24 Figures, By Giovanni Antonio Matera (late 17th Centur



18 000 EUR

Signature : Giovanni Antonio Matera (1653-1718), Trapani

Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Painted wood

Length : .

Width : 54

Diameter : .

Height : 57

Depth : 34

Description
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An important Sicilian nativity scene group consisting of 24 figures, created in the late 17th and early 18th centuries, attributed to the workshop of Giovanni Antonio Matera (Trapani, 1653-1718), one of the finest masters of Sicilian Baroque nativity scenes. The figures, approximately 10 cm tall, display all the characteristics of 17th-century Trapani production: o heads, hands, and feet in polychrome terracotta; o bodies modeled with wire cores; o draperies in fabric stiffened with gesso, typical of the Sicilian school of the Baroque period; o some figures are entirely carved from wood, a technique found in the earliest works of the Matera workshop. The animals, between 5 and 7 cm tall, are all carved from wood, including horses, sheep, goats, and cattle.

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The careful carving and proportions directly hark back to the production of the Trapani workshop in the late 17th century, making this collection particularly rare and sought-after.

**Group composition:**

- o Holy Family
- o Three Wise Men
- o Numerous shepherds and wayfarers
- o Various carved wooden animals
- o Minor figures and scenes of rural life

For a total of 24 antique elements.

The scenery (mountains, base, and architecture) is a later creation, dating back to the early decades of the 20th century, and serves as a display support for the original figures.

**Condition:**

Good overall condition, with normal signs of aging consistent with the period.

**Provenance:**

Private Sicilian collection. A fascinating and rare work, ideal for collectors of antique nativity scenes, Sicilian Baroque art, and devotional sculpture from Southern Italy.

**MEASUREMENTS**

So Figures: 10 cm

Animals: 5-7 cm (For additional photos, please inquire privately)