



Neapolitan Doll, Italy, 18th Century



950 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Painted wood

Height : 80 cm

Description

Important Antique Neapolitan or Religious Statue - Female Figure in Polychrome Wood and Fabric, Italy or Southern Europe, 18th - Early 19th Century. A rare and moving antique sculpture depicting a female figure with a devout expression, probably intended for religious or processional use. The head, arms, and hands are carved in wood and then finely polychromed, with remarkable facial expression: a gaze turned towards heaven, an open mouth, and features imbued with fervor and spirituality. The antique polychromy has a beautiful patina, with natural wear consistent with age, enhancing the piece's authenticity. The body consists of a traditional articulated structure, dressed in antique textile garments: a fabric dress, a veil and petticoat of black tulle, complemented by a textile flower

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attached to the chest. This type of construction was frequently used for domestic or oratory devotional statues, as well as for certain religious confraternities. The sculpted hands, with their finely crafted fingers, retain their original fastening systems using ties, attesting to period construction. The sculpted feet, visible beneath the garment, confirm meticulous and complete craftsmanship. The whole piece exudes a strong emotional presence, characteristic of popular religious sculptures from Southern Europe, where spiritual function was as important as visual impact. Type: Antique religious statue Subject: Devout female figure (saint or biblical figure) Period: 18th - early 19th century Probable origin: Italy or Southern Europe Materials: Polychrome carved wood, antique textiles Technique: Sculpture, polychromy, traditional assembly Condition: Antique condition with wear, losses and possible restorations, consistent with age and use Interest: Religious, ethnographic, decorative, collectible ? A rare and authentic devotional object, particularly sought after by collectors of antique religious sculptures, lovers of sacred folk art or decorators looking for a powerful piece with high emotional charge. Type: Antique religious statue Subject: Devout female figure (saint or biblical figure) Period: 18th - early 19th century Probable origin: Italy or Southern Europe Materials: Polychrome carved wood, antique textiles Technique: Sculpture, polychromy, traditional assembly Condition: Antique condition with wear, possible losses and restorations, consistent with age and use Interest: Religious, ethnographic, decorative, collectible A rare and authentic devotional object, particularly sought after by collectors of antique religious sculptures, enthusiasts of sacred folk art, or decorators looking for a powerful piece with strong emotional resonance. Height: 80 cm