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## Capodimonte Porcelain Group Depicting A Beggar Woman, A Child, And An Infant In A Cradle



300 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Porcelain

Length : 16

Width : 11

Height : 22

### Description

Hard-paste porcelain figurine, modelled and decorated with polychrome enamels, bearing on the underside the Capodimonte mark in underglaze blue. Naples, first half of the 20th century, after a model from the Imperial Meissen Porcelain Manufactory of the 18th century. The figurine depicts a woman carrying an infant in a wooden cradle, accompanied by an older child holding a small stick. The subject is clearly inspired by a polychrome porcelain statuette identified as "beggar woman with child and infant in cradle", attributed to Johann Joachim Kaendler and created for the Meissen manufactory. The composition demonstrates a precise understanding of the models produced by the major European manufactories of the 18th century. Indeed, Capodimonte production of the

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19th and early 20th centuries is characterised by a marked admiration for these prototypes, whose themes it adopts while imparting a distinctly Neapolitan chromatic vibrancy and narrative sensibility. It is worth noting that another figurine of the same period and from the same Capodimonte manufactory, which I recently offered for sale -- the bagpipe player -- forms a pendant to the present piece. Condition: very good overall condition; only a minor flaw to report: the stick held by the child is missing a few millimetres at the tip extending beyond the hand (see last photo).