



Marble Heraldic Lion With Fleur-de-lys Shield. France, 17th Century.



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Period : 17th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Marble

Description

Marble Heraldic Lion with Fleur-de-Lys Shield. France, 17th century. Measurements: 20 × 11 × 8 cm. This diminutive marble representation of a heraldic lion is modelled in the round and seated upon a low plinth. The right forepaw is assertively placed upon an escutcheon carved with a stylised fleur-de-lys, signalling royal or noble association. The treatment of the mane--rendered in closely packed, rhythmical striations--and the tapering of the limbs suggest a provincial French workshop working in a late-Baroque idiom rather than a court atelier. The head is carved with a watchful gaze and furrowed brows; the open mouth and poised posture impart an emblematic, vigilant presence appropriate to a heraldic badge or architectural terminal. Condition: surface weathering and

Dealer

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minor losses consistent with age; small accretions and abrasions to high points; traces of old ink splatter to the face. Provenance: by repute from a descendant of Armistead Peter and from Tudor Place.