



Pair Of 18th Century Terracotta Figures Signed "holain 1761" French School



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Signature : HOLAIN 1761

Period : 18th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Terracotta

Description

Pair of terracotta figures - Valenciennes School, 18th century. Signed "Holain 1761". A charming pair of terracotta figures representing two popular 18th-century figures, attributed to Holain, who worked in Valenciennes. One depicts a hurdy-gurdy player, an emblematic instrument of rural genre scenes, while the other represents a drinker with a mischievous smile, holding his goblet and bottle. Both subjects belong to the tradition of picturesque and lively depictions of daily life, highly valued at the time. The expressive poses, the finely modeled faces with their accentuated features, as well as the detailed treatment of the costumes (frock coats, breeches, tricorne hat) testify to genuine skill and a careful observation of the popular world. The warm and nuanced patina of the terracotta enhances their

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authentic character and decorative presence. Each piece is signed and dated "Holain 1761," a notable rarity for this type of regional production. Condition: Good overall condition with wear and minor imperfections consistent with age. Significance: Typical of 18th-century Northern French production, these figures are appealing for both their spontaneity and their quality of execution. They would be perfectly at home in a collection of antique sculptures or in a refined interior.