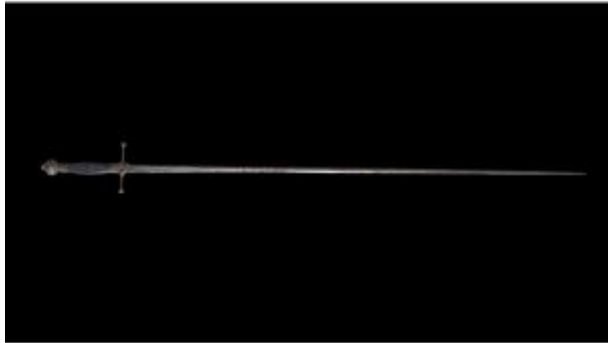




Sword With Blade Inscribed Inri - Maria - Late 16th Or Early 17th Century

1 200 EUR



Period : 16th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Wrought iron

Length : 105.5

Description

Epée à lame inscrite INRI - MARIA - Fin XVIe ou début XVIIe siècle Remarkable sword of transitional type between the late medieval sword and the Renaissance rapier, dating from the late 16th or early 17th century. The blade is long and tapered with double central groove. The single-cross guard features straight quillons ending in a button, sober and functional, typical of the military field swords of the Wars of Religion period. The pommel wrought-iron pommel, massive and well-proportioned, provides effective counterweight. The handle retains its original leather covering, This is an exceptional feature for a weapon of this age. The major interest of this piece lies in the devotional inscriptions engraved in the grooves of the blade INRI (Jesus Nazareus Rex Iudaeorum) on

Dealer

Wulfila Antiquités

Haute époque - Archéologie - Curiosités

Tel : 06 23 13 04 02

5 rue de l'Hôtel de Ville

Réalmont 81120

one side, MARIA on the other. This apotropaic practice, widespread in 16th-century Hispanic and Germanic to place the weapon and its bearer under divine protection. Comparable examples can be found at the Wallace Collection in London and the Musée de l'Armée in Paris. Good overall condition considering age: consistent antique patina on all metal parts, inscriptions perfectly legible, handle leather present and period. Item authentic, unrestored collector's item. Century 1570-1620 Total length: 105.5 cm Blade length: 89 cm Handle length: 16 cm Quillon span: 10 cm Ancient Tarn collection.