



Viterbo - Mid-14th Century - Polychrome Majolica Bowl With A Zoomorphic Figure



1 000 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Quelques manques

Material : Earthenware

Length : 11.5

Width : 15

Height : 6

Description

A splendid polychrome majolica bowl depicting a zoomorphic figure (a reed) whose iconography is strongly influenced by the figures found in the medieval bestiary. The figure, with wide-open eyes and surrounded by pointed leaf motifs, finds parallels in Viterbo ware, characterized by a strong fantastical figurative influence--though frozen in an archaic phase--to which our bowl can be attributed, given the use of the two colors present here: copper green and manganese brown, used respectively for the decoration and the outlines. The animal is still highly idealized; its anatomy is rendered in a stylized and unrealistic manner. The figure's personality and iconography, as well as the polychromatic tones and the scattered pointed leaves symbolizing (rather than depicting) the natural environment, are typical

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elements of archaic Viterbo production, dating to the mid-14th century. An extraordinary object, with some chips and missing parts in the decoration, which nevertheless do not compromise the figuration or its aesthetic appeal. Not restored. Dimensions: 11.5 x 15 x 6 cm (H)