



Rare Mantelpiece Plaque Bearing The Royal Coat Of Arms Of France, Dated 1622 - Louis XIII Period



1 800 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Cast iron

Description

Rare fireplace mantelpiece bearing the royal coat of arms of France, dated 1622 - Louis XIII period. Rare and significant cast-iron fireplace mantelpiece dated 1622, adorned with the royal coat of arms of the Kingdom of France. In the center is a large shield bearing three fleurs-de-lis, the emblem of the French monarchy since the Middle Ages. The composition is surmounted by a closed royal crown, a symbol of sovereign power under the Bourbon dynasty. The coat of arms is supported by two heraldic figures. On the left is a savage holding a club, a figure frequently used in European heraldry to symbolize strength and protection. On the right is a second heraldic figure that contributes to the majestic balance of the composition. The design is framed by a rich decoration of foliage, scrolls, and lambrequins,

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characteristic of the first third of the 17th century. The date 1622, which is perfectly legible, places this plaque during the reign of Louis XIII (1610-1643), a period during which heraldic plaques became true symbols of prestige. Thanks to the quality of its relief, the grandeur of its decoration, and its exceptional age, this plaque stands as a remarkable testament to 17th-century French decorative art and metalwork. Fireplace plaques bearing the royal arms of France are particularly sought after by collectors for their rarity and historical significance. Some are even listed in specialized publications devoted to French heraldic plaques. A piece full of character and steeped in history, evoking the grandeur of the French monarchy under Louis XIII.