Folk Art Helicopter Hand-carved Wood & Metal With Pilot, Circa 1960



1 700 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Painted wood

Length : 86 cm

Width : 65 cm

Height : 30 cm

Description

This remarkable handcrafted helicopter sculpture is a striking example of mid-century folk art, dating from circa 1960 and inspired by the pioneering light helicopters that captured the public imagination during the 1950s and early 1960s.Expertly hand-carved from solid hardwood and finished in vibrant polychrome paint, it features a rich red fuselage contrasted with black and ochre detailing. The landing skids, large main rotor and tail rotor are fashioned from metal, creating an appealing balance between traditional craftsmanship and the industrial aesthetic of early aviation.The open cockpit reveals a wonderfully characterful hand-painted pilot seated at the controls, complete with helmet, moustache, mustard-colored jacket and turquoise trousers. Carefully carved, painted and assembled by hand,

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the sculpture captures the adventurous spirit of early helicopter aviation through expressive proportions and folk art craftsmanship rather than technical precision.The combination of carved hardwood, painted surfaces and hand-fabricated metal elements gives the piece a particularly strong sculptural presence. Its generous scale makes it an impressive decorative statement and an unusual addition to an aviation collection, library, office, rustic or industrial interior.The sculpture displays an attractive aged patina with minor paint wear, surface marks and small imperfections consistent with age and use, all contributing to its authentic character and handcrafted appeal.Dimensions: H. 30 cm (11.81 in) W. 86 cm (33.86 in) D. 65 cm (25.59 in)